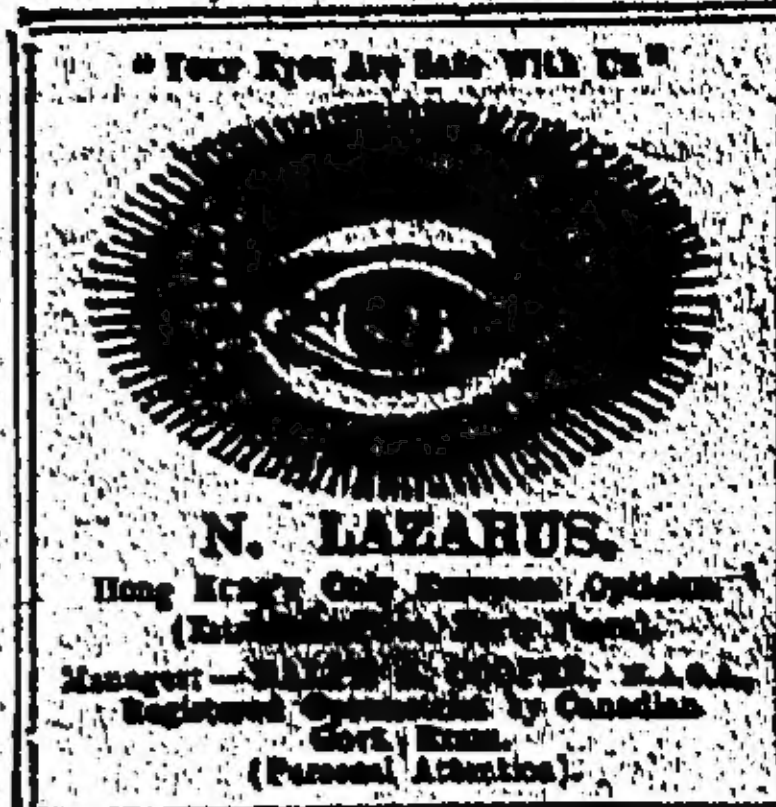


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Shatin ...Dep.	7.35	9.06	10.11	11.01	13.01	2.16	5.31	6.41	8.11
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Taipei Market ...Dep.	7.44	8.31	11.00	11.35	12.23	3.25	5.14	6.16	7.01
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DUBLIN.

Every visit to Ireland since the treaty, which was signed six years ago, has confirmed my conviction that the things which Irishmen are really capable of producing are infinite varieties of surprises, writes a correspondent to a London paper.

With an international reputation for its dear dirt until a few years ago, Dublin to-day is one of the best-paved, cleanest, and most efficiently managed cities in Europe.

Three young men acting as City Commissioners for the Government have tackled the tenement slum problem with amazing vigour and effect. They have covered hundreds of acres surrounding the city with modern picturesque workers' dwellings and miles of suburban roads at a cost exceeding £2,000,000.

Elegant Dublin.

New hotels, restaurants, cinema-palaces, and dance-halls equal to anything in England have sprung up with surprising rapidity.

Three years ago men gathered for passionate wordy battles as to the politics of Cosgrave and De Valera. Now, if one wants to raise the old air, the challenge must be about the Shannon electricity scheme, or sugar beet, or the relative merits of tramway-cars and omnibuses.

Ireland, as faced with a steadily rising tide of European ideas which relentlessly invades even the agricultural areas of the Atlantic seaboard in terms of gramophones, silk stockings, and wireless sets.

Jealous Belfast.

In Northern Ireland changes are different but not less dramatic. Belfast, growing jealous of Dublin's civic advance, has forgotten about the Pope, and reserves its imprecations for those who muddle its municipal affairs.

The development of road transport is the most striking of the recent departures. I have covered some hundreds of miles in vehicles which are at least as comfortable as any I have used in England.

Not only in the more thickly populated areas, but also through the remotest parts of the South and West, thousands of miles of rapidly improving roads daily accommodate omnibus services which bring hitherto isolated farms into direct touch with Dublin, Belfast, Cork, and other large towns.

Revolution of Mind.

What this means in a country which has suffered from lack of railways and from infrequent and costly train services is impossible to estimate. It is not merely a transport revolution, but it is also the beginnings of a far-reaching revolution in the habits of mind and the whole outlook of a country which consists, as to four-fifths of its population, of small farmers and agricultural labourers.

I have seen enough to convince me that road transport is destined to play a much more important part in the re-making of Ireland than Shannon schemes, beet factories, or other Government-aided undertakings.

LONDON'S RATING RECORD.

An increase in the property value of London by more than £1,000,000 in a year is reported by the Local Government Committee of the London County Council.

The gross value of the County of London on April 6th next for rateable purposes will be £75,638,229, as against £74,512,108 at the same date last year. On this increase the rateable value has gone up from £56,056,820 to £56,945,446, subject to appeals, an increase of £888,626, the greatest since the Valuation (Metropolis) Act, 1869, was passed.

This increase exceeds by £248,522 the record of £56,696,904 made by the supplemental lists which came into force on April 6th, 1924. Extensive building operations in the City and West End are responsible for increased values in these areas.

RESTORING THE CARTER CHAPEL.

£120,000 SPENT ON ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR.

£50,000 STILL NEEDED.

Assum of £120,000 has been spent

on the restoration of St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, which has been in progress for the past six years, and a sum of £50,000 is still needed to complete the work and to erect a new organ.

The Dean of Windsor, Dr. Albert Bailie, said that by Easter there will be £10,000 over-spent, for which the members of the chapter are personally responsible. He said:

We are in a dilemma, for we cannot go on for want of money and we cannot stop with safety. The whole cost of the nave will be £20,000, besides £10,000 for the organ. This estimate has been carefully made with the knowledge of the condition of the building that we have gained by the restoration so far, and it is almost certainly correct. As far as we can see, when the restoration is complete, there will be nothing more than ordinary small repairs needed for many centuries, as the structure will be sounder than it has ever been since it was built.

Built Over a Pit.

The Dean added that a great deal remains to be done to the roof of the nave, the tracery of the windows, the buttresses of the north side, and various minor matters, but that the most serious difficulty lies in connection with the Beauchamp Chapel, of which he said:

The Beauchamp Chapel was an afterthought and was built over a pit with nothing to support it but a very rough arch, no proper foundation of any sort being provided. It has been more or less held in place by the walls of the choir above, but it has unquestionably always been a source of danger, and a strain on the rest of the building.

This could not be left without real danger. We are therefore going on at present with the work, though we have no money; but, of course, this cannot continue long.

Dr. Bailie added that the choir and transepts of the chapel are complete, and everyone who has examined the work has been more than satisfied. The old beauties of the architecture have been brought out to the full.

The King and Queen and other members of the Royal Family are taking the greatest interest in the work of restoration of the chapel, which is so closely associated with the Order of the Garter.

DORCHESTER HOUSE.

TO BE PULLED DOWN TO MAKE ROOM FOR AN HOTEL.

Dorchester House, Park-lane, W., the stately mansion of the late Sir George Holburne, is to be pulled down and a luxury hotel built on the site.

The house has been sold to a British syndicate for about £200,000. A member of the firm of Messrs. John D. Wood & Co., who conducted the sale on behalf of Lord Morley, the owner, stated that the syndicate propose to build an hotel at a cost of about £1,000,000. There would be 600 bedrooms, and it was intended to make it the most luxurious hotel in the British Isles.

Strenuous efforts have been made to save Dorchester House for the nation, but it and its wonders are now apparently to go the way of Grosvenor House, Devonshire House, and other famous West End mansions which have disappeared and their sites used for commercial purposes.

Dorchester House was finished in 1687, having taken nine years to build, and it has been recognized not only as the finest dwelling-house in London, but also as the greatest example of Italian architecture in this country. It was the United States Embassy from 1903 to 1912.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Helena May Institute: Bible Study circle, 10.30 a.m.
Hockey: Hong Kong Club "A" v. Recreation at King's Park, 5.15 p.m.
Annual General Meeting Victoria Diocesan Association in the Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.
Khalas Diwan dinner to Mr. K. L. Chowdhury Hotel Savoy, 5.15 p.m.
Concert at Union Church, 9 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-5.30 p.m.
"Cheer O" dance, 7.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "7th Heaven."
World Theatre: "You never know Women."
Star Theatre: "Hold that Lion."
Principal Malls: Inward: Europe via Negapatam (Eurylochus) Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (Ashima Maru).

Saturday.

Yachting: Corinthian Race.
Fauling Hunt: Meet at Mr. Potts Bungalow, 2.45.
Cricket: Kowloon C.C. 1st XI v. H.K.C.C.; Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI v. Tamar; H.K.C.C. 2nd XI v. 15th Brigade 2nd XI; C.S.C.C. 1st XI v. K.O.S.B.; C.S.C.C. 2nd XI v. Royal Navy.
Annual University Ath. Sports, Half mile open, 4.30 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-5.30 p.m.
"Cheer O" Music, 7.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "7th Heaven."
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Principal Malls: Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Kashima Maru), 8.45 a.m.; Europe via Marseilles (Kashima Maru), 9.45 a.m.

Sunday.

5th Sunday in Lent, Lady Day. St. John's Cathedral at evening. The Rev. H. V. Koop, M.A., on "Follow Me."
In St. Peter's Church at matins. The Rev. W. T. Featherstone, M.A., "Christ the Source of Power."
Fauling Hunt: Point to Point. Mr. Potts Bungalow, 11.30 a.m.
Yachting: Boat Boys' Race.
Golf: Junior Section Championship 2nd round.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-5.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Campus Flirt."
World Theatre: "The Little Irish Girl," 5.15 and 9.30; "The Monkey Monk," 2.30 and 7.15.
Star Theatre: "The Understanding Heart."
Principal Malls: Inward: Europe via Negapatam, papers only, (Labore).

Monday.

Hockey: Y.M.C.A. v. K.O.S.B. 2nd XI.
Prize Distribution, by Lady Chow Shou-soo, of the Wan Yan College, Queen's Theatre, 11 a.m.
H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., 5th Ordinary General Meeting, at Jardine, Matheson Co. offices, 12 noon.
Public Auction, Messrs. Lammer Bros., 8a, Duddell Street, 3 p.m.
Annual Meeting, H.K. Lawn Tennis Assoc. H.K.C.C. Pavilion, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Campus Flirt."
World Theatre: "The Little Irish Girl," 5.15 and 9.30; "The Monkey Monk," 2.30 and 7.15.
Star Theatre: "The Understanding Heart."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-5.30 p.m.

Tuesday.

Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club 2nd XI v. Tamar, on the R.N.O.B.C. ground, 5 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "On Your Toes."
World Theatre: "Dancing Mothers," 5.15 and 9.30; "The Monkey Monk," 2.30 and 7.15.
Star Theatre: "Dracula with a Million."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-5.30 p.m.
Principal Malls: Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Portbot), 2.30 p.m.; Europe via Vancouver and Europe via Siberia (Empress of Asia), 5 p.m.

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No. 332

1.—Annual Rifle Meeting.

The Annual Corps Rifle Meeting will take place at Stonecutters Range on April 8th and 9th, 1928. Launches will leave Murray Pier at 8 a.m., 8.30 a.m., 9.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m., calling at Kowloon ten minutes later.

Approximate times of firing:

SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH.

9.00 a.m. Blake Shield.
11.00 " Francis Cup.
2.00 p.m. Jar Competition.
3.00 " Plate Competition.
4.30 " Attack Competition.

MONDAY, APRIL 9TH.

9.00 a.m. Corps Championship.
9.00 " Tyro Competition.
11.30 " Musketry Competition.
2.30 p.m. Reserves Challenge Cup.
3.30 " Lewis Gun Competition.

Revolver Competition, Corps and All Comers, will be fired both days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Those wishing to have tiffins provided for them on either day must inform the Hon. Secretary not later than April 2nd, and enclose \$1.50.

Programmes can be obtained on application at Volunteer Headquarters.

2.—Musketry.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH, 1928.

The Reserve Company will fire Part I. Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, March 25th, 1928. Range Officer: Lieut. A. M. Thornhill.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m., and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or multi optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, March 24th, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

3.—Battery.

The Battery will parade for instruction at 5.25 p.m. on Thursday, March 29th. It is expected of all members that they will make a special effort to attend the remaining drills of this season.

4.—Engineer Company.

Field Section: All ranks of the Section who are entitled to medals, and who have not already received same, should apply to the Section Officer for a form which should be filled in and sent in to Headquarters as soon as possible.

5.—Corps Signals.

There will be a meeting of N.C.O.'s at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, March 29th, at 5.30 p.m.

6.—No. 2 Platoon.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, March 23rd, and Tuesday, March 27th, for M.C. Training. Dress: Multi.

7.—Scottish Company.

Thursday, March 29th, at 5.30 p.m.:

No. 5 Platoon will parade at Tai Koo for Guard Mounting and Squad Drill with arms.

No. 6 Platoon will parade at Kowloon Dock for Guard Mounting and Squad Drill with arms.

No. 7 Platoon will parade at Corps Headquarters for Guard Mounting and Squad Drill with arms.

Dress: Multi.

Sunday, April 1st, "Dyer" Cup, for Inter-Platoon Musketry will be shot for at Stonecutters on Sunday, April 1st, 1928.

Mr. A. K. Henderson has kindly presented a Cup for the best individual aggregate score including hits in attack.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. calling at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress for Competitors, Olegary, khaki tunic, khaki shorts, khaki hose tops, flashes, short putties, black boots.

Equipment: Belt, frog, braces and pouches.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, March 30th, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, March 31st, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Range Officer: Captain K. S. Morrison.

Corps Rifle Meeting, Sunday and Monday, April 8th and 9th.

Platoon entries should be sent in as soon as possible to Corp. T. T. Sanderson, c/o Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd.

Thursday, April 26th, 1928, "Quarry Bay" Cup Competition will be competed for at Corps Headquarters. Details will be circulated separately.

8.—Portuguese Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, March 23rd, for Rapid Fire Training, Kennedy Road, and Miniature Range practices.

Dress: Belt, frog, sling, rifle and bayonet.

N.C.O.'s and Nos. 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun Sections will parade at Corps Headquarters at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27th, for Lewis Gun instruction.

Next Company parade on Friday, March 30th, 1928.

(Continued on next column)

ROYAL EXPERTS AT A FAIR.

THE KING AND QUEEN VISIT BIRMINGHAM.

SKILLED COMMENT.

BIRMINGHAM.

The Queen's expert interest in the domestic side of industry and the King's in the mechanical side delighted thousands of people who thronged the British Industries Fair at Birmingham for the royal visit.

The Queen was dressed in a grey brocade coat with heavy grey fur collar and cuffs, and a grey brocade toque, and wore an unusually large amethyst on a slender chain round her throat, with an amethyst ornament to match in her hat. She was in a happy, inquiring mood, and stopped frequently to congratulate the men in charge of the stalls on their exhibits.

A flesh pink bath with black tape was one of the first things that drew her attention. "How very dainty," she exclaimed.

An "art" fireplace in pastel colours pleased her, and she remarked on the delicate workmanship and fine texture of the tiles. There was a charming scene at a vacuum-cleaner stall. The Queen, evidently attracted by a girl attendant who was fair-haired and blue-eyed and dressed all in white, stopped and smiled. "What is it you are demonstrating?" she asked. The girl explained, and then presented the Queen with a bouquet of red roses and lilies of the valley.

Testing Machine.

The King turned aside to look at a machine that tests the strength of cement. He asked for the machine to be set working so that he could watch it, and asked the manager of the stall how it was used.

"It was evident," said the manager to me afterwards, "that the King was interested in cement, and knows a good deal about it."

Both the King and Queen stopped to admire a model in cream terra cotta. "There are some fine examples of sixteenth century terra cotta work in the upper rooms of Buckingham Palace," observed the King.

A stall of Sheffield stainless cutlery obviously appealed to the Queen, for she inspected the cutlery closely and remarked that the scissors were beautifully made.

An old Sheffield grinder achieved the happiest moment of his life. He is Charlie Holroyd, a workman of sixty-seven years with a record of fifty-four years' work with the same firm, who was demonstrating the old-fashioned method of file-cutting by hand. The King had a long chat with him, asking him all about himself.

A puzzle which even expert engineers cannot solve intrigued the King as much as it did the experts. It was a Staffordshire knot tied in a piece of rounded metal about five inches thick. The knot had been tied while the metal was cold.

The King watched himself before he left the fair. His weight was 10st. 10lb. The Queen was also asked if she would have her weight revealed, but replied, "Oh, dear, no."

9.—Promotion and Appointment.

No. 617 Pte. C. L. Edwards, A.C. Co., is promoted to Sergeant, as from March 18th, 1928.

No. 1191 Pte. C. A. Cunha, No. 10 Platoon, is appointed Lance Corporal, as from March 21st, 1928.

10.—Transfer.

No. 517 Sergt. C. L. Edwards is transferred from Armoured Car Co. to the Reserve Co., A.C. Sec., as from March 16th, 1928.

11.—Reversion.

No. 948 Lt./Col. A. M. B. Rocha, No. 10 Platoon, reverts to the rank of Private at his own request, as from March 21st, 1928.

12.—Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:

Lieut. R. S. Logan, Engineer Co., from April 13th to December 14th, 1928.

Lieut. A. C. Groves, Armoured Car Co., from March 22nd, 1928, to March 27th, 1928.

No. 80 C.S.M. H. Green, Infantry Co., from April 1st to December 31st, 1928.

13.—Resignations.

Having left the Colony:

No. 749 Pte. E. Dewhurst, Armoured Car Co., as from March 16th, 1928.

No. 238 Drummer Wm. Gardner, No. 5 Platoon, as from March 14th, 1928.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Co., Hong Kong, March 22nd, 1928.

NOTICES.

1.—No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club. The next monthly spoon shoot will be held at the Peak Range on Sunday, April 1st, at 9 a.m.

2.—Portuguese Company Rifle Club. Sunday, March 25th, at Peak Range. Only those detailed by Rifle Club Committee to attend. Firing commences at 9 a.m.

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RED INDIAN CIVILISATION.

SIoux CHIEF'S CLAIMS.

SIOUX CHIEF'S CLAIMS.

CRITICISM OF WESTERN WAYS.

Ohyesa, the Conqueror, Chief of the Sioux Indians, who is now in London, was interviewed yesterday by a representative of *The Observer*.

By our standards an old man, but by Indian standards a man in the prime of life, being no more than seventy years old, he has been watching all his life the final absorption of the Indian civilisation by the voracious civilisation of America. A scientist and a philosopher of standing (his other name is Dr. Charles Eastman), he has spent his life in an endeavour to preserve as far as might be the civilisation of the North American Indians and in expounding its philosophy, lest that too should become extinct. Most of us who have not looked into these matters since boyhood are inclined to think of the life of the North American Indians as a savage and primitive one, a savagery that was charming, yet savagery just the same.

"You say that our civilisation was not a civilisation at all in your sense?" Ohyesa said. "Consider: it was our custom that women should have not more than five children, and should have them at intervals of three years."

He said that this was no merely pious aspiration or counsel of perfection, but the custom of the country. The Indian had his sexual life in complete control; his desires became seasonal; the custom did not irk him, for he had no desire to depart from it. He asked: Have you, in what you call Western civilisation, found a solution as workable as ours for problems like that?

He said also that it was usual for Indians to live till they were a hundred and thirty-five years old; the average span of life was a hundred years. If one accepts the definition by the philosopher Hobbes of savage life as "nasty, brutish, short," one cannot call the Indians a savage race.

The Indian Religion.

"I think," Ohyesa said, "that the Indian's contribution to civilisation is his deep spiritual thought; it is different from the Christian spiritual thought, because that is involved always in materialism. There is always the collection, and the best preacher is paid the best."

Afterwards, he said much about the religious thought of the Indians which is impossible to report in the ordinary way. There is a religion without symbols, without priests, and without church; it is in pantheism and finds God in waterfalls and starry skies; it is a religion more individual than Luther's and yet without weakness. It differs from the nature worship of Wordsworth expressed in his lines on Tintern Abbey, being without the practical applications which Wordsworth gave it. It does not rise into poetry, or expression of that kind; it is calmer. It cannot be readily described, for there is nothing with which to compare it. These negative comparisons were not made by Ohyesa, who spoke directly, as one who understood.

It would seem to be possible only in the society which the Indians evolved. They had practically no property; they were nomadic—for they thought it was unhygienic to stay long in one place. "They practiced an ideal communism," Ohyesa said. They had no arts; they did not even carve their weapons. (He said that the Indian nations in the more southerly parts of the American Continent developed "an Egyptian type of civilisation"; they had a sense of property and they had art.) They had an oral literature including a Creation story, which some have declared to be better than Genesis and which reconciles the Hebrew story with evolution.

Law and Custom.

The Sioux nation, which spread over a region as big as Europe, was divided into clans and tribes. It had one chief who was chosen from among the lesser chiefs and whose position was purely honorary and without emolument of any kind. He sat in grand council with the other chiefs once every year to decide foreign policy. The council did not make laws; for the Sioux had a code of laws handed down from the remote past, which, says Ohyesa, was as perfect as the mind of man could conceive and never required alteration. The women of the nation had a final veto on all treaties made by the chiefs. The wars were only athletic contests; after each battle the chief of each side and the chief only was permitted to take one scalp, which was afterwards given a ceremonial burial. When the Europeans arrived they placed a bounty on scalps, and this had been the source of continual trouble between the Indians and white practices.

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North China Ins.	£1.13 nom.
Yangtze Insurance	£4.64 buy
China Underwriters	£2.80 buy
China Fire Insurance	£3.15 nom.
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H.K. Tugs	£3.45 buy, & sel.
Indo-China (Bank)	£3.00 buy
Do.	£1.00 buy
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Do.	£1.11 buy, & sel.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, March 21st.

Paris	124
Brussels	35.03
Amsterdam	13.125
Berlin	20.41
Copenhagen	18.21
Vienna	34.685
Helsinki	16.3
Lisbon	21.32
Bucharest	7.94
Buenos Aires	47.59/32
New York	4.881
Geneva	23.24
Milan	92.40
Stockholm	18.15
Oslo	18.285
Prague	16.4
Madrid	29.04
Athens	30.91
Rio	6.59/64
Bombay	Holiday
Shanghai	2/6
Yokohama	Holiday
Hong Kong	2/9
Silver (spot)	20 1/2
Silver (forward)	20 1/2

Modern Nerves.

Ohyesa is dependent about the effects of western civilisation, not only on his own race, but upon all others. He says that we have built only on our nerves, and wonders how long they will stand the racket—be speaks of the newer generation born with small chins and strained nerves. He does not complain that his own nation have been in the political sense, and in most other senses, absorbed. He limits himself to hoping that their philosophy of unselfishness and their disciplined habits of mind and body will leave the whole lump.

He himself was born in an Indian reservation, and his father was sixteen his clan was still at war with the whites. His father was "Many Lightnings." Ohyesa was for many years medical officer in one of the reservations, and afterwards attorney at Washington for the Sioux nation. Through seventy, he looks like an athletic man of forty. He says that he expects to live till a hundred, like a true Sioux. He cannot hope to reach a hundred, and thirty-five under modern conditions—especially as there are no more Indians. For he, Ohyesa, believes, the most nourishing of meats—better even than beef—is meat.

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DRASTIC CHANGE IN LOCAL FINANCE.

The total relief of industry, including agriculture, from the burden of rates is the ultimate objective towards which the Government aspires, states a London paper of February 27th.

Consideration of the problem has shown it to be one of the most complex ever tackled, for the Cabinet is of opinion that this relief can be given only as part of general and sweeping changes in the control of local finance.

For long past it has been apparent that the system whereby nearly £100,000,000 of public money is paid over to local authorities by way of percentage grants, in amounts determined not by the Treasury but by the corresponding amount expended by the local authority, is a vicious one.

As yet it is too early to speak with certainty of the exact course which the Government will adopt, while introduction of the scheme at the present time is dependent on the surplus revenue estimated by the Chancellor to be at his disposal in the coming financial year.

The Guiding Plan.

Much of the detail work has yet to be completed, but it is now possible to give a general indication of the lines along which the Government is working to attempt this relief of industry by way of reducing rates.

The Government has been guided by a desire to free the tools of production from hampering restrictions. In addition, Ministers feel that in this way only can conditions be made equitable as between manufacturers in different parts of the country.

In effect, should the scheme reach fruition, rates would be payable on the assessable value of dwelling-houses only.

It was estimated by the inter-departmental committee on the rating of machinery in 1925 that the exclusion of machinery would reduce the assessable value of the country, placed base year at £250,000,000, by not less than 4 per cent.

Equal To 6d. Income Tax.

In order to carry out this plan increased grants would be paid from the Treasury to local authorities, and it is gathered that the amount which the Government has in mind as its contribution to rate relief would correspond almost exactly to the cost of taking 6d. off the income tax (£30,000,000).

The scheme would incorporate Mr. Neville Chamberlain's plan for reform of the Poor Law system, since it is, I gather, the intention of the Government that county councils should be the bodies responsible for controlling local expenditure.

So that these bodies might have a fuller sense of responsibility and the Treasury an exact knowledge of the sums it would be called on to pay out annually, a system of block grants would be introduced large enough to enable each county council to sacrifice the revenue hitherto derived from rates on agricultural land and factories.

It is suggested that one means by which relief will be given to local authorities is by making the cost of the police a sole charge upon the Treasury. At present £11,000,000 a year is expended on police maintenance out of rate-raised revenue.

The Cabinet will decide during the next few weeks whether the financial situation justifies taking the first steps in the scheme in the forthcoming Budget. Should that be done it is expected that the consequential legislation will occupy all the remaining time of the present Parliament.

£25,573 FORTUNE OF A DETECTIVE.

FORMER CHIEF OF THE C.I.D.

A fortune of £25,573 was left by Mr. Edward Drew, of Harrington-road, Brighton, formerly chief director of the Criminal Investigation Department.

Drew was regarded as one of the ablest men at Scotland-yard. He died in December last at the age of sixty-eight, after twenty-seven years' police service.

His most famous case was that of the theft of the Marquis of Anglesey's diamonds. Lord Anglesey's valet was suspected, and Drew organised the guests as a corps of amateur detectives.

The man was caught when on the way to France.

Drew was famous for his disguises and once rounded up a gang of thieves by taking the part of a milkman.

Criminals called him "Tricky Drew." He once fought a suicidal maniac for half an hour for possession of a revolver, and his right hand bore a deep scar from a knife wound sustained in a fight with an Italian.

A MORE CHEERY CHURCH.

PICTURES, LIGHTS, AND ORNAMENTS.

GENERAL ON YOUTH'S DEMANDS.

There were some exciting moments in the Prayer Book debate at the House of Laity at Westminster, says a copy to hand of a London paper.

The revised book, which was approved by the National Assembly, was submitted for detailed discussion, and Mr. A. Mitchell, of London, at once moved that the new Communion Service in the alternative book, which contains the rubric allowing Reservation, be omitted.

There was an emotional passage in Lord Phillimore's speech. "Why be so cruel and tyrannical," he asked, "as to require the priests reserving the Elements to decide whether or not they should break the rule of fasting or let someone go without Communion? Why go out of your way to inflict cruelty on those priests?"

Lord Phillimore halted for a moment and almost burst into tears as he said: "I speak not only as a layman but as a father and grandfather of clergy in the Church of England."

Lord Wolmer, who was subjected to much excited interruption, said: "We voted for the deposited book last July knowing it contained perpetual Reservation. (Loud cries of 'No!' from the Evangelicals.) That was an essential part of the settlement proposed by the bishops. What are you going to do with the Anglo-Catholics? Are you going to drive them out of the Church?"

Demand Of Youth.

"Young people to-day want warmth and colour in their churches," said Brigadier-General A. J. Kelly (Newton Abbot), holding that the 'Reserved' Sacrament was the right of the layman.

"I was bred in Lancashire among the lowest of the low Churches," he said, "and I have now become a converted Anglo-Catholic because I see the call of to-day demands it. The old-fashioned way in the plain church with the unadorned altar does not appeal to the present generation."

The modern generation wants a more cheery church, with pictures on the wall, colour to the ceiling, and altar lights and ornaments. As a Devonshire labourer would say, the modern generation wants 'A place that looks as if it's lived in.'

Prolonged cheering broke out at the end of Brigadier-General Kelly's speech, and on a complaint being made by a member of the Assembly, the chairman threatened if there was any further applause by the public he would have the gallery cleared.

Mr. P. N. Sutherland-Graeme (St. Albans) appealing for an all-embracing Church, said that the great "Toc H" movement had become a religion among the younger men.

SOCIALISM IN WALES.

TOWNS RUINED BY RATES.

The desperate plight in which the ratepayers in South Wales have been placed by the reckless extravagance of Socialist-controlled local authorities is crystallised in a letter to the London press from a resident in Merthyr Tydfil. He writes:

The total rates are 30s. 7d. in the £ and the trade of the town is at a standstill. One in three is either off the dole or in the receipt of parish relief; 8s. in the £ goes to the guardians, the remainder 22s. 7d. for local administration. Pre-war the total rates were in the neighbourhood of 11s.

We have a Socialist majority on the council and they have the impudence to say they cannot reduce expenditure. At the police court last week 600 ratepayers were summoned, and in many cases distress warrants issued. Tradespeople and property owners are distressed, the majority have mortgaged all they possess and do not know which way to turn financially.

At 14s. Limit.

The Government should not allow local rates to exceed 14s. in the £. When they reach that figure the Government should appoint official controllers of the town's finance.

The amount of wastage by the local council is apparent to all, yet we are powerless to stop it. All the sympathy we get from the Government is an order to the council to put the screw on the ratepayers, and they are doing this with a vengeance.

No town can possibly go on paying indefinitely a rate of 30s. 7d. It has killed all trade.

Some of the burdens borne by ratepayers in Monmouthshire and South Wales for the year ending March 21st are:

	In the £
Merthyr	30/7 1/2
Alcester	30/7 1/2
Reestpidd	29/6
Rhonda	30/7 1/2
Bedwas and Machen	29/1
Bedwellty	28/10
Cwmphilly	28/1
Gellygarn	27/4
Myrdalwyn	27/1
Rhymney	27/1

LOWEST BIRTH-RATE RECORDED.

MORE MARRIAGES.

STATISTICS FOR GREAT BRITAIN.

The lowest birth-rate on record is reported by the Registrar-General in his return of births and deaths in the fourth quarter of 1927 issued at the end of February.

The live births registered numbered 132,734 and were 11,233 less than in the preceding quarter and 11,943 below the number recorded in the corresponding quarter of 1926.

Of the 132,734 births, 77,976 were males and 54,758 females, giving a proportion of 1,043 males to 1,000 females. The average proportion in the ten preceding fourth quarters was 1,060.

The births registered in the quarter corresponded to an annual rate of 13.4 per 1,000 of the estimated mid-year population for the year 1927. This rate is 1.3 per 1,000 below that recorded in the corresponding quarter of 1926 and is the lowest birth-rate recorded in any quarter.

The Death Rate.

The deaths numbered 115,993, and were 23,732 more than in the preceding quarter, and 2,684 fewer than in the corresponding quarter of 1926. They included 59,208 males and 56,785 females, corresponding to an annual rate of 11.7 per 1,000 of the estimated population, and a proportion of 1,043 males to 1,000 females. The general death-rate was 0.4 per 1,000 below that recorded during the corresponding quarter of last year.

Influenza was stated to be either a primary or contributory cause of death in 1,010 cases, or 1.65 per cent. of the total deaths. During the quarter small-pox was mentioned as a cause of death in six cases. Measured by the proportion of deaths of infants under one year of age to births registered, the infant mortality was equal to 68 per 1,000. This rate was 14 per 1,000 below the average of the ten preceding fourth quarters, and is the lowest rate recorded in any fourth quarter.

Increase In Population.

The natural increase of population in England and Wales for the quarter under review by excess of births over deaths was 26,769, as against 62,292, 40,090, and 45,718 in the four quarters of 1924, 1925, and 1926.

The number of persons married in the third quarter of 1927 in England and Wales was 183,478, an increase of 13,696 over the number in the preceding quarter, and 15,819 more than that in the corresponding quarter of 1926. The number corresponds to an annual rate of 14.5 per 1,000 of the estimated mid-year population, and was 1.5 more than that recorded in the corresponding quarter of 1926.

In Great Britain and Ireland 219,380 births and 140,190 deaths were registered in the three months ended June 30th, 1927. The natural increase in population was therefore 79,190. The number of persons married was 195,818.

According to the quarterly returns furnished by local registrars, 654,969 births and 484,838 deaths were registered in England and Wales in 1927. The natural increase in population, by excess of births over deaths, was, therefore, 170,131, the average annual increase in the preceding five years having been 268,278. The number of persons married during the year was 615,638.

The marriage-rate in England and Wales during the year was 14.7 per 1,000 of the estimated population at the middle of the year; the birth-rate 16.7 per 1,000, and the death-rate 12.3 per 1,000. Infant mortality was 69 per 1,000 registered births. The birth-rate was the lowest on record; the death-rate was 0.7 above that for 1926, and the infant mortality was one below that recorded in the previous year, and was equal to that of 1921, which was the lowest on record.

SOVIET WAR PLANS.

TOILERS MUST KNOW HOW TO SHOOT.

One of the resolutions passed at a Red Army anniversary meeting in Moscow requests foreign Communists to spread subversive propaganda and to incite mutinies in foreign armies so as to make the "Reds" job of fighting easier.

According to the Moscow *Isvestiya*, the "algarans" which have been officially issued for the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Red Army include the following:

The Red Army is the armed vanguard of the World Revolution. All the World Revolution! Let there not be one worker or one peasant who cannot fight with gun in hand for his Fatherland.

To shoot well and correctly, to be able to use a gun and a rifle, to know how to use poison gas is the duty of all toilers in the Soviet land.

The trade unions will become the schools for war preparations. Describing the growth of Soviet armaments, the *Pravda* says: "The Air Force has grown into a terrible power."

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THE QUEEN AND OLD TIME DANCES.

HER TALK WITH JUNE ABOUT THE BALLET.

"I like all dancing, especially the ballet."

This was a remark made by the Queen to June, the dancer, now appearing in "Clowns in Clover," at Lady Newnes' "Napoleon" matinee at His Majesty's Theatre in aid of the Royal Free Hospital.

In the first part of the Lorraine play June danced before the Princess Pauline Borghese (Miss Clarke-Jervoise). When the curtain fell the Queen expressed a wish to talk to the dancer. The Queen left the King and the Duchess of York in the Royal box and went to the ante-room behind, where June was presented by Lady Newnes.

"I was nervous when I heard that the Queen wished to see me," said June, "but she immediately put me at ease."

The Queen's Preference.

"The Queen at once began to talk about dancing, saying that she loved dancing of all kinds, but preferred the dances of old time."

"She then went on to talk of ballet dancers and ballet dresses. For young dancers, she said that a tulle dress, such as the one I wore, was the ideal, besides being the most attractive."

"Then she emphasized the importance of head-dresses, saying she admired very much the soft dark blue cornflowers I wore in my hair for this particular dance."

"The Queen talked at length about the ballet, and showed that she had studied it very carefully."

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FUTURE BUSINESS PROSPECTS ENCOURAGING.

Although business was still in depressed condition generally, the prospects for the present year was much sounder than it had been for some years past, said Mr. R. G. Shewan, yesterday, at the 44th ordinary yearly meeting of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

Those present were Messrs. R. G. Shewan (Chairman), A. Cameron, Sir Elly Kadoorie, Messrs. H. P. White (Directors), J. Coulthart (Secretary). Shareholders present were Messrs. A. Keith, I. W. Shewan, W. Gardner, J. Toppin, A. H. M. da Silva, M. A. Figueiredo, M. Fernandez, H. Dreyer, J. F. Wright, Jr., and F. J. Tavares.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Addressing the meeting the Chairman said—

The balance at credit of working account for the past year is \$98,453.95 against \$83,618.25 for the previous year, which, in view of the continued depression in business generally, is encouraging.

As regards house property I am glad to say the prospects have improved and I may say that practically all our houses are let, but tenants come and go and there must always be one or two flats awaiting a tenant even at the best of times. Our income for the year from rents is \$79,980.84 against \$3,428.28 in 1924, but this includes the rent of the factory at Matakuk to the Military Authorities, the lease for which expires next month. Our house property still leaves a poor return and we can only look for better returns as the demand for houses increases with the prosperity of the Colony. When this long looked for demand materialises we shall be in a good position to take advantage of it, either with the land we have on this side, in one of the most congested districts, or with our own property at Matakuk.

For the "Rainy Day." Now as regards accounts you will see that in spite of dull times, not only have we completed payment of the new buildings at Matakuk amounting to \$75,412.24 but we have managed to reduce our overdraft with the bank from \$57,788.80 to \$44,070.09 and, of course for that, our land alone without plant or buildings is more than ample security. Land stands in our books at a very conservative figure but as a very conservative figure but with time and should, therefore, be well depreciated. We, therefore, recommend that these items should be written down as stated in the accounts, when they will stand at what we consider really safe figures. For this purpose we have made use of reserves which are not reserves in the strict sense of the word as the money represented has been sunk in the Company's business and cannot be utilised for the proverbial rainy day, in fact it takes the place of extra capital. In this regard we trust the allocations we have made of these reserves will meet with your approval.

DRUNKENNESS RULING.

"UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRINK" DEINED.

The question, "Is being under the influence of drink drunkenness?" was discussed at London Sessions in a case in which Frederick William Gitting, a taxi-cab driver, was acquitted on a charge of being drunk while in charge of his cab.

The police surgeon described tests applied to Gitting and the symptoms he found, and said that the combination of all of them led him to the conclusion that he was under the influence of drink and was, therefore, drunk.

Mr. Lawrence Vine argued that "under the influence" was not drunk.

It was contended that Gitting's condition was due to his war injuries and not to the two glasses of beer he had had.

Summing up, Sir Robert Wallace, K.C. (the chairman), said "under the influence" of drink would not come under the definition of drunk.

"The most brilliant and high-class story has been known to have been made under the stimulus and influence of drink, but that is not drunk," said Sir Robert.

He granted leave to appeal on this point if necessary, so that an authoritative definition could be obtained.

The jury found Gitting Not Guilty, and he was discharged.

Call On Shareholders.

I will not attempt to prophesy what the future may bring forth but I may say that we have commenced the present year with better prospects and in a sounder position than we have been for some years past. We have ample assets for a much larger overdraft than the present one but interest makes a big hole in our profits and, therefore, in order to improve our financial position we have decided to no longer delay collecting the call of \$5 per share due on June 15th next.

Our present Articles of Association, although not very old, are not quite equal to present-day requirements, and we propose preparing new Articles providing a Board of Directors in place of a Consulting Committee and these will be laid before you in due course. The question of the general managers' commission will also be considered at the same time.

Sir Elly Kadoorie Re-elected. Since these accounts were printed Sir Elly Kadoorie has, on the invitation of the Committee, accepted a seat as member of the Consulting Committee, and his name has been added to the list of members for re-election.

I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed and that the balance at credit of profit and loss account of \$233,802.59 be appropriated as follows:—

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Wharf at Kennedy Town.....	6,000.00
Houses at Kennedy Town.....	100,000.00
Factory at Kowloon.....	297,083.25
Plant and machinery.....	63,082.83
	\$233,802.59

OTHER BUSINESS.

After the adoption of accounts and reports had been seconded by Mr. H. P. White, and carried unanimously, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Elly Kadoorie and Messrs. H. P. White and Allan Cameron were re-elected to the board of the Consulting Committee on the proposal of Mr. A. Keith, seconded by Mr. H. Dreyer.

Messrs. Linstead & Davis and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming were re-elected to be auditors of the Company at a yearly remuneration of \$350 each on the proposal of Mr. M. A. Figueiredo and seconded by Mr. H. Gardner.

GIRL KISSED IN HER SLEEP.

MAN'S ALLEGED STORY OF ESCAPE.

When charged at Liverpool with the attempted murder of Margaret Ann Gough, aged 20, of Gambier Terrace, Liverpool, on December 30th, William Lennie, aged 29, who was arrested at Ardara, Lancashire, on another charge, was stated by Detective A. Smith to have signed a statement in which he said: "Nearly every night I did a job in Liverpool, sometimes two and sometimes five."

Concerning his alleged entering of the University Women's Hostel, he said: "The student Miss Nelson had a whistle in her mouth and was blowing it. I tried to knock it out of her mouth but couldn't. As she was trying to stop me opening the door, I trapped her and laid her on the floor. I was lucky to get away, as another girl came along and hit me across the shoulders with a hockey stick."

In the hostel I lifted up a girl's bed to move it from the window. The girl awoke and said, "I am certain this bed is going to collapse." and another girl said, "Oh, how?" In another house I kissed a girl in bed and she turned to her sister, who she thought had kissed her, and said, "Here do you think I am so-and-so" (mentioning a fellow's name). Lennie was committed for trial.

THE SIMPLEX PLASTER CO., LTD.

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IMPROVEMENTS TO PLANT.

The fourth annual general meeting of shareholders of the Simplex Plaster Company, Limited, was held yesterday at the offices of the Hong Kong Fire Driving and Construction Co., Ltd.

The statement of accounts showed a loss for the fiscal year which was occasioned, the Chairman said, by the shortage of gypsum. It was also stated that the gypsum which the Company had hitherto imported from Italy was not suitable for local conditions. Arrangements had been made for the importation of this material from the United States.

Present at the meeting yesterday were Messrs. C. E. B. Beavis (Chairman), P. Hodgson (representing Mr. B. Montague Ede), E. D. Shank, Chan Yue Teng, Chan Pok Shun (Directors). The shareholders present were Messrs. S. H. Langston, O. B. Raven, Chung Chi Nam, W. H. Wu, Yik Tat Ting, and Abbott Shea (Secretary).

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman, Mr. Beavis, spoke as follows:—

You will note that we have to record a loss on our Profit and Loss account for last year. This loss has been occasioned by shortage of crude gypsum during the latter part of the fiscal period under review as the General Manager had come to the conclusion that the gypsum we had been obtaining from Italy was not wholly suitable for the purposes for which we required it, and that a better quality could possibly be obtained from America. They negotiated with several sources for the purchase of gypsum, and after lengthy negotiations, were able to obtain a supply from America of a far more suitable character, and in addition, at a lower price than we have heretofore paid. I am glad to be able to inform you that besides obtaining gypsum at a more favourable price, our suppliers have granted us the exclusive distributing agency for the sale of their gypsum in China. The consumption of crude gypsum in the Orient is considerable, and we are now engaged in negotiations for the agency to include the whole of the Orient. In the opinion of the General Manager, a substantial business may be built up in this line and we are now in a position to undertake some of the shipment which we have received.

Sales Show Upward Tendency.

Sales during the past year showed an upward tendency and had it not been for shortage of raw material, the result of the year's working would have been very different. Our products are becoming better known, and are being specified by architects for local building projects. They are also being successfully introduced into Shanghai and the Northern Ports, to which we are now making regular shipments, small in amount at the moment, but steadily increasing.

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During the suspension of operations, the General Managers afforded themselves of the opportunity to make improvements in the Plant, and you will note by reference to the Balance Sheet, that under the item "Plant and Machinery," additions to the plant were made during the last year. The General Managers are now satisfied that we own a much improved plant, with a greater capacity.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The adoption of the reports and accounts was seconded by Mr. Chan Yue Teng, and carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. E. D. Shank and seconded by Mr. Chan Yue Teng, Messrs. B. Montague Ede and Chan Pok Shun were re-elected to the board of directors. Messrs. Lennie, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected to be the auditors of the Company on the proposal of Mr. E. D. Shank and seconded by Mr. Chan Pok Shun.

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CITY MORE CALM NOW.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, March 22nd.

Rumours of another coup d'état in Canton which were so rampant after Marshal Li Tsai Hsin's departure for Nanking are seldom heard now. The city is quiet, although every now and then a state of emergency is declared in some Government building or soldier quarters. This has been particularly so at the Municipal Police Station on Wai Sun Road where bandits, kidnappers and Communists are jailed, awaiting trial and probable execution. When a state of emergency is declared in a certain street of the city, all pedestrians and vehicles passing through that street are searched and sometimes all traffic is stopped. But these states of emergency usually last only a few hours and so far nothing untoward has occurred.

The writer found on enquiry that these rumours were due to Marshal Li Tsai Hsin's departure for Nanking. This created a state of apprehension which has been exploited by Communists and other opponents of the Government. Rumours spread from person to person. The chief one was that the Communists, bandits, disappointed politicians, and a certain contingent of the provincial Army, were planning to start another uprising in Canton, even more destructive and relentless than that of December 11th. The Reds would in fact massacre all the merchants and the middle class to say nothing of the officials and the intellectuals. The whole city was for a time in a state of fear, as the result of these false reports.

Another cause of these rumours lay in the rapid and rather unexpected movements of troops from one place to another in Kwangtung. The troops of General Hui King Tong in Kongmoon and the West River districts were moved through Canton on their way to the East River districts. The 8th Army which had been in Honan, Fatahan, and all along the Kwang-Shan Railway, was ordered to Waichow and the Hai-Luk Fung districts. General Fan Shek Shang and the troops of his 16th Army were ordered to evacuate Shikwan and the North River districts and to move into the southern part of the province of Hunan. Divisional-Commander Ho Chun Fan and his soldiers who had been guarding the southern part of Kwangtung, were ordered to move into the Island of Hainan "to exterminate the Communists and other outlaws there." The troops of General Chen Ming Shu were ordered to Canton, Honan, Fatahan, Kongmoon, and the southern portion of Kwangtung. Divisional-Commander Liu Fun Im of the 7th Army under General Wong Shiu Hung was to move into Shikwan and all along the North River districts vacated by General Fan Shek Shang. All the generals obeyed the commands explicitly but very little news of the troops movements was given to the public. Consequently the people everywhere watched their hasty and unexplained movements with great anxiety. Thousands of troops marched in and out of Canton in a single night; gun boats packed with soldiers and military equipment steamed in and out of the Canton harbour—all to the bewilderment of the great masses of people. This gave rise to all sorts of speculations and rumours, although nothing unusual had occurred.

Everything is now all quiet. The reason for Marshal Li Tsai Hsin's departure has been explained to the satisfaction of every one. It has been stated officially that the Marshal went at his own free will and was in no way forced to leave the city as was the case last December. Time has also proved that there was nothing behind the recent movement of troops. They all seem to be satisfied with their new stations and no conflict of any kind has occurred.

(Continued on next column).

WHAMPOA INCIDENT.

FIGHT BETWEEN RIVAL CARGO COOLIES.

SHOTS FIRED AT HONG KONG SHIP.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, March 22nd.

The s.s. *Berne* belonging to the Shun Tai Steamship Co. of Hong Kong was fired upon on Wednesday afternoon at about 5 o'clock when she was at anchor off Whampoa. The trouble arose when a group of coolies from Canton went down to unload the cargo at Whampoa.

The coolies at Whampoa refused to allow the Canton coolies to do the unloading. A fierce brawl ensued, which was followed with rifle shots from the coolies on the shore. The shots were aimed at the coolies on the *Berne*. When informed, the soldiers at Dane Island immediately stopped the fight by firing at the Whampoa coolies.

Meanwhile the British gunboat *Tarantula* went down to Whampoa to investigate. But before the British ship reached there the trouble was over.

The gunboat stayed there, however, watching the Canton coolies unload the cargo and guarding against any further trouble. The *Tarantula* returned to White Goose Bay yesterday afternoon. There were no casualties and no shots were fired from the *Tarantula*. The s.s. *Berne* will return to Canton tomorrow.

THE "HOI CHEUNG" PIRACY.

FURTHER DETAILS.

FORTY ARRESTS MADE.

With her arrival in Hong Kong harbour last night further details are now available of the piracy of the s.s. *Hoi Cheung*, a river steamer, which recently fell a victim of a pirate gang being looted of all her cargo valued at about \$70,000. She was finally rescued by a Chinese gunboat which escorted her back to Canton.

The *Hoi Cheung* was on her way from Hong Kong to Waichow on the West River but early on the morning of March 9th she was fired upon by pirates when near Tsi Hui-Kok in the Sam Shui district. A flotilla of sampans put off from the shore and the pirates boarded the vessel and took control. They then brought her close in to the shore and half the cargo was landed.

The ship was taken two miles lower down to San Hui where the remainder of the cargo was beached.

The Chinese gunboat *Kong Tai* appeared on the scene at about 4.30 p.m. and at once opened fire on the pirates, who jumped into their sampans and made for the shore where they scattered and made off inland.

The *Kong Tai* escorted the pirated ship to Canton where the matter was reported to Admiral Chan Tsai who informed the inland authorities with the result that 40 arrests were effected.

The pirates kidnapped the ship's commodore Wong Lam, who has not been seen or heard of since and seven other members of the commodore's department were also taken.

The cargo valued \$70,000 consisted of pica goods, dried fish, sugar and sundries. The greater part was the property of Hong Kong firms.

The *Hoi Cheung* is registered in Canton and flies the Chinese flag. She is owned by the Chuen Yick Steamship Co., the local address being 25, Queen's Street, ground floor.

AN ART EXHIBITION.

The Executive Committee of the Women's Liberation Movement of the Kuomintang is planning to hold an art exhibition in the very near future. According to Mr. Fung, Chairman of the Committee, the art exhibition will be held in co-operation with the heads of schools, teachers, students and well known artists here. All these people have been asked to contribute to the exhibition.

Among the things to be shown will be Chinese fine arts of every description, ancient as well as modern, marble statues, silk embroidery work and selected specimens of short stories.

The purpose of the art exhibition, according to Mr. W. F. Kwong, one of the organizers, is to improve the artistic taste of the Chinese people. No admission fees will be charged.

THE COURSE OF TRUE LOVE.

MONEY AND THE MOTHER-IN-LAW.

SYMPATHETIC MAGISTRATE TO THINK IT OVER.

That the course of true love seldom runs smooth is a common saying and a certain Chinese girl and her lover have good reason to believe in it.

When the young woman happened to meet the man for the first time love was mutual and instantaneous. They plighted their troth and would have been happily married had the man been blessed with a little money to satisfy the avarice of the girl's mother.

The mother finding that her prospective son-in-law lacked a proper endowment of this world's goods forbade her daughter to have anything to do with him. But the unfortunate man never lost hope and often hung about near the house of the adored one on the off chance of a word with her. The girl touched by his faithfulness decided to go to him.

An elopement was duly arranged after a series of clandestine meetings under the stars and they fled to Ping Shan, where they lived for sometime, happy in each other's love. Then, unfortunately, want of money drove the man back to Hong Kong but he could not leave the girl alone by herself, so throwing discretion to the winds, he brought her back with him.

As ill luck would have it, the mother spotted them and had the man placed under arrest for harbouring a girl under the age of 21.

The unhappy lover was brought before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Secretary for Chinese Affairs, when relating the story as given above, told his Worship that he was most unwilling to bring the case before the Court. He had spoken to the man and was convinced that his intentions were entirely honourable. He wanted to marry the girl and the only obstacle in the way was money. The young lady herself was also very fond of the man.

The young man told his Worship that he truly loved the girl and had promised her mother to pay the necessary money for the girl's hand. The unromantic mother was unmoved. She turned a deaf ear to his pleadings, so out of desperation, defendant took the girl to Ping Shan.

Mr. Schofield was also sympathetic. He said that he would bind the defendant over to come up for judgment when called upon. Mr. Williams, while agreeing with the Court said that he was afraid that the decision would not satisfy the mother of the girl, who had the law on her side.

This placed the Magistrate in a quandary, and after further consideration he decided to adjourn the case until Saturday and in the meantime he hoped to consider the way out of the difficulty.

HOMES PILLAGED BY COMMUNISTS.

ELDERLY WOMEN'S STORY IN COURT.

MAGISTRATE'S SYMPATHY.

Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy showed much sympathy for two elderly Chinese women when they were charged with gathering pine needles from Government Plantations.

The two women admitted their offence but said that they did not know the local regulations. Until recently they had been living in the Hoifung district. Their homes had been pillaged by the Reds, and they were forced to flee the village. They arrived here quite friendless and penniless.

They were at their wits end to know what to do for a living. They could only wait for conditions to get better before returning to their native home.

Mr. Schofield discharged them with a caution.

THEFTS FROM LOCAL SHOPS.

MAN WHO ELUDED THE POLICE.

CAUGHT WITH A CONFEDERATE.

Five Chinese are now serving terms of imprisonment for a series of local robberies. Among the shops which suffered from this gang were the Kwong Tai firm of No. 8, Queen's Road Central, the Kwong Sang Yuen firm of No. 37, Wing Lok Street, the Hop Kee firm of No. 128, Queen's Road Central, and another Chinese firm in Pottinger Street.

A sixth member of this gang eluded the police for a long time, but was eventually caught. Apparently he formed another gang, as a confederate was arrested at the same time.

Both men appeared before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday to answer various charges of theft. They admitted the charges.

The leader of the gang was sentenced to a total of seven months' hard labour and the other man received a term of six months.

H. C. BEDI'S APPEAL DISMISSED.

FRAUDULENT SHANGHAI MANAGER OF LOCAL FIRM.

Messrs. Watanmai Boolechand, silk, curio and general exporters of Hong Kong, inform us that the Shanghai Full Court composed of Sir Henry Gollan (Chief Justice of Hong Kong), Sir Peter Grain, and Mr. G. W. King, has dismissed the appeal of Mr. H. C. Bedi, the former manager of their Shanghai branch.

Mr. H. C. Bedi was convicted during February of having fraudulently converted monies to the use of S. G. Verma to the extent of Rs. 42,000, and other goods, and with intent to defraud by making false entries in the weekly export reports, purporting to show that he had received cash amounting to Rs. 9,051, Rs. 3,401, Rs. 733.87, and Rs. 4,028. The total amount involved is Rs. 50,291.50.

Accused was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

Mr. Jones, in the appeal, which was heard on March 14th and 15th, argued for prisoner that the learned judge during the hearing in the Supreme Court had mis-directed the jury, or insufficiently directed them. Mr. Jones raised a further similar objection that the summing-up by the trial judge was so incomplete as to amount to misdirection.

The President said that the summing-up seemed to be favourable to the defendant.

For the Crown Mr. Mossop said there was nothing in the summing-up to justify their Lordships in quashing the conviction.

MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA.

DIVIDEND OF SIXTEEN PER CENT.

The Hong Kong branch of the Mercantile Bank of India have received a telegram from their London Office advising that at the annual general meeting of shareholders a final dividend of 8 per cent on the "A," "B" and "C" shares will be declared (making 16 per cent for the year 1927 less income tax); that £25,000 will be carried to reserve fund and £164,000 carried forward.

VILLAGE FIGHTS A PANTHER.

BEAST STRANGLED WITH CREEPERS.

News of a desperate struggle between villagers and a panther comes from Tiruvalla, in Travancore State.

The animal strayed into the village in the early morning and attacked an astonished villager, whose cries brought an unarmed crowd to the scene. Seized by their noses, the panther dashed among the crowd, badly mauling a man and a woman.

Then one of the crowd brought a gun and fired at the beast, which, although wounded, set upon him. While man and panther rolled struggling on the ground several of the villagers threw stout creepers round the animal's neck and strangled it.

The carcass was paraded round the village. Four injured villagers are in hospital.

HELENA MAY MUSICALE.

THE LIST OF THE SEASON.

An extremely good concert, arranged by Mrs. Balean, was given yesterday evening in the Helena May Institute. It was the last concert of the season, a fact which will be very much regretted by all those who heard it, for it is not often that we get so good a programme here. The hall was crowded and the audience very appreciative; so much so that it was not possible to give all the encores which were asked for, but Mr. Gardiner whose voice is well liked gave an encore after his second song.

A concert of this sort, where the performers are recruited from among those of the residents who are kind enough to spare time to give others pleasure, is naturally more unequal than one which is arranged on a professional basis, but Hong Kong is to be congratulated on having so fine a performer as Mrs. Cashman. Her playing is, of course, that of the professional, and indeed, of the true musical genius.

All musical performances fall into one of three groups. There is the hard working company, members of whom you can hear under the windows of any school, who beat the music form, unwilling instruments; allied to them are those few strange players like the violinist da Cruz, whom we heard here some months ago, who seem to tear the notes from their instruments. Then there is the gentler school to which most amateurs who love their art belong; those who like Mrs. Balean seem gently to persuade melody from strings of ivory. But Mrs. Cashman belongs to the third and greatest group. Those artists who possessing the music in themselves, imbue the dead instrument with melody. She seemed as she played to be dropping the notes from her fingers rather than forcing them out of the piano. Just as Krefler, whose concert will remain fresh in the memory of all music lovers seemed with the passes he made with his hands to pass an electric stream of harmony into the vibrating strings of his violin.

To turn to the programme. The three violin trios with which the concert opened, played by Mrs. Balean, Mrs. Aubrey and Miss Acheson, were very pleasing, especially the second movement of "Ti Prege o Madre pia," in which the three instruments blended with a suggestion of singing voices which was particularly lovely. Mrs. Womack, who has a strong clear voice, sang two songs from Italian opera, of which the second, the Miserere Scene from Il Trovatore, a duet with Mrs. Gardiner, was received with very particular pleasure. Mr. Gardiner's solo song, "Harlequin Serenade," was also very pleasing and he gave an encore in response to continued applause. "So we go no more a-roving."

Mr. Glover sang two baritone songs, "The Call" and "O Lovely Night," which were much enjoyed, and Mrs. Balean played a violin solo, "Adagio," with her usual skill and expression.

The programme which we give below was very well devised by Mrs. Balean, covering as it did a wide range of music, and her own charming performances on the violin did much to contribute to its success. We hope to have other musicale of her arranging during next season.

The Program.

1. Violin Trio: (a) "Hearts feel that love thee" Mendelssohn; (b) "The Butterfly" Henry Smart; (c) "Ti Prege o Madre pia," F. Curthmann, (Mrs. Balean, Mrs. Aubrey, Miss Acheson).
2. Song: Aria from Madame Butterfly, Puccini. (Mrs. Womack).
3. Song: "The Call" Herbert Oliver. (Mr. H. Glover).
4. Pianoforte Concerto in A Minor: Greig; 1st movement (Allegro molto moderato). Mrs. Cashman and Mr. Bowers-Smith.
5. Vocal Duet: Miserere. Scene from Il Trovatore. Verdi. (Mrs. Womack and Mr. Gardiner).
6. Song: "Oh! Lovely Night." London Ronald. (Mr. H. Glover).
7. Violin Solo: Adagio; Max Bruch op. 24. (Mrs. Balean).
8. Song: "Harlequin Serenade," Pagliacci. (Mr. Gardiner).
9. Pianoforte Concerto in A Minor: Greig; 2nd movement (Adagio); 3rd movement (Allegro moderato). (Mrs. Balean).

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All those interested in the work of the Society are invited to attend.

B. O. BLAKER,

Hon. Secretary.

[6045]

NOTICE.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL DINNER of the Association will take place on SATURDAY, the 14th APRIL, 1928, at 8:00 P.M., in the Hall of Quaker's College.

Members desiring to attend and to invite guests are requested to communicate with the Hon. Treasurer, CHOW PING UN, Esq., c/o ASSURANCE FANCO-ASIATIC, Ltd.,

By Order of the General Committee, C. G. ANDERSON, Hon. Secretary, [6042]

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HAROLD T. CREASY,

Director of Public Works,

9th March, 1928. [6030]

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

NEILAGE BROWN of Hong Kong HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that in consequence of our desire to conform with the Names of Similar Vessels owned by us, I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 17 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the Ship "KOH-KHAM" of Hong Kong, Official Number 152005, of Gross Tonnage 14418 tons, Register Number 148 tons, and is owned by CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED, 8, Raffles Place, London, E.C.3, for the Permission to Change her Name to "CHENYANG" and to have her registered in the New Name at the Port of Hong Kong as owned by CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

Any Objections to the proposed Change of Name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hong Kong within Seven Days from the appearance of this Advertisement.

Dated at Hong Kong, this 19th day of March, 1928.

(Signed) NEILAGE BROWN [6026]

INTIMATIONS.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersecretary on MONDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended the 31st December, 1927.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th MARCH, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Managers, The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hong Kong, 5th Mar., 1928. [5988]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th MARCH, 1928, at 11:30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st October, 1927.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 22nd Day of MARCH to THURSDAY, the 29th Day of MARCH, 1928, Both Days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hong Kong, 16th Mar., 1928. [6015]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, P. O. BUILDING, on MONDAY, the 2nd of APRIL, 1928, at 11 A.M.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th of MARCH to 2nd of APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO., General Managers. [6043]

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 4th APRIL, 1928, at 2:30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 28th MARCH, 1928, to the 4th APRIL, 1928 (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board, LOOK POONG SHAN, Chief Manager, Hong Kong, 19th Mar., 1928. [6029]

THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Formerly Bankers, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong), on THURSDAY, the 12th Day of APRIL, 1928, at 12 O'CLOCK Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the Year ended on the 31st December, 1927, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

By Order of the Board, O. G. COPLAND, Secretary, Hong Kong, 20th Mar., 1928. [6035]

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The Daily Press.

Hong Kong, March 23rd, 1928.

EASIER AS A FIXED FESTIVAL.

Capt. BOUVER, Conservative Member of the House of Commons for Oxford City, has had the good fortune to get a second reading for his Bill for the stabilisation of Easter. The question of a fixed date for this great Festival of the Christian Church is of universal interest. In one way or another it possesses considerable importance for the whole of Christendom. From time to time the proposal has been solemnly debated, but nothing has ever come of it. That may again happen or it may not. We must "Wait and See," as the late Lord Oxford used to say. The present effort in Parliament may, however,

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clear the way for the adoption of the change of date, or it may merely invite opponents to marshal their forces to oppose with more vigour than they have hitherto considered necessary.

The opposition to a fixed Easter is, of course, based on the weight of tradition and the usage of the Churches. Tradition may well prove the more formidable because many people object to change merely because it is a change. This was the case when the change was made from the Old Style calendar to the New in the 18th Century, and again, to quote a latter day instance, when it was proposed to introduce Summer Time in England. On the other hand, the opposition of the Churches is not committed for ever to support a moveable Easter.

It is true that Easter cannot be fixed so rigidly as Christmas Day, which always falls on one particular date and fits into its historical place in the solar calendar; the Crucifixion must always be commemorated on a Friday and the Resurrection on the following Sunday—Easter Day. The latest and most trustworthy research and the best scholarship on the subject place the date of the supreme miracle of the Resurrection as April 7th. With this in mind there is little justification for so wide a variation as obtains under the present method whereby Easter may fall as early as March 22nd or as late as April 25th—a variation of thirty-five days.

No artificial calendar was, of course, known in the early days of the Church's history. The ancients watched for the first appearance of the moon's crescent in the evening sky, hailing it as the beginning of a new month. But with the world-

wide adoption of artificial lighting, and the spread of modern civilisation, the moon has lost her memorial significance. And as we now have China in line with other nations in accepting the Gregorian calendar, at least 90 per cent of the human family take the solar calendar as their standard.

It may be recalled that during the last seven years or so there has been a steadily growing demand for the stabilisation of Easter. In many lands throughout the world Chambers of Commerce and other similar bodies have signified their desire for the suggested change. Lord Desborough has headed the movement in England. On July 21st, 1920, he proposed a resolution in the House of Lords in favour of an International Congress to consider the question. On April 27th, 1921, his Lordship introduced a Bill into Parliament to fix the date of Easter. The Archbishop of Canterbury was not unfriendly, and on the whole the measure was well received. The proposal did not make headway at Westminster, but it has not rested there. A Committee of the League of Nations debated the matter last year in connection with calendar reform, and it was agreed that Easter should be the "Sunday following the second Saturday in April."

The advocates of change certainly have the best of the argument. We gather that it is not unlikely that Parliament will prove in a mood to further the reform. But the Church will have the last say in the matter because Easter is essentially a great religious and Christian festival. The Primate has given his opinion that there are no dogmatic reasons against a fixed date for Easter, but there must be general agreement among Christian churches. The reasons for this are obvious. The broad conclusion, therefore, is that both from ecclesiastical and the secular standpoints the proposal seems to be advantageous, and we wish the reformers success.

Two more Chinese cases of small-pox were notified on Wednesday. They were both from Kowloon.

H.E. the Governor has kindly consented to lay the foundation stone of the New St. Stephen's College at Stanley, on April 17th, at 3:30 p.m.

There will be a children's afternoon at the Helena May Institute on Friday, March 30th, at 5 p.m. (Children's songs, games and stories).—ADVT.

Members of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hong Kong are holding their annual dinner in the rooms of the Institution on Friday, March 30th.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Henry Stuart Martin, of No. 873, Nathan Road, Kowloon, to Miss Zena Lashovetky, of No. 333, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

The annual general meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. on March 28th at 5:30 p.m.

The U.S. Asiatic Squadron will arrive here to-day for a ten-days' visit. An elaborate plan is being made by the American Consular Authorities for the entertainment of the men.

A report was made to the Police by the master of a fishing junk that while his craft and two others were proceeding to Putoi Island, a pirate junk cut across them. The robbers opened fire and lowered a dinghy containing nine pirates to board the fishing junk. The other two fishing boats which were accompanying the captured craft proceeded on their way, leaving this junk to its fate. The pirates stole clothing and fishing gear to the value of \$219. On receipt of the report, a police launch from Stanley was sent out to locate the pirates, but without success.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory at 5:15 p.m. stated—

The anti-cyclone over N. China has strengthened slightly. The depression is central to the N.E. of Hokkaido. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China, and over the N. China Sea. Local Forecast—N.W. winds fresh to moderate; Cloudy.

DEATH OF MR. A. C. WARD.

FORMER EMPLOYEE OF THE DAILY PRESS.

SUCCUMBS TO PNEUMONIA ON VOYAGE HOME.

We regret to record the death of Mr. A. C. Ward, until recently a reporter on the staff of the *Hong Kong Daily Press*, which occurred on board the P. & O. *Macedonia*, on his voyage home to England.

Mr. Ward left the Colony at the beginning of the month, apparently in the best of health. He had completed a three years' contract with this paper and decided to return home, as desired by his parents, rather than enter into a new agreement. A position on the staff of a newspaper was awaiting him in England and he was looking forward to getting married a week or two after his arrival. Now he lies in a grave at Aden.

The message from the P. & O. Company's Agent at Aden reads: "*Macedonia*, Arthur Charles Ward died on board and was buried on shore on the 21st of this month. Pneumonia."

No further news has been received. Cheery post-cards came from Mr. Ward at Singapore saying that he was bronzed by the sun, was in the best of spirits and thoroughly enjoying the voyage. He was an energetic little fellow and a very hard worker. On board he was full of enthusiasm over the arrangements made by the Hong Kong passengers to meet the Singapore team at lawn bowls. He attended the matches and sent descriptions of them to the papers here, at the same time suggesting that other lawn bowls players on their way home from the Colony should get into touch with the Singapore Club and fix up similar tournaments.

He was well liked by his colleagues on the *Daily Press* and the news of his sudden and unexpected death has come as a considerable shock. We offer our sincere sympathy to his relatives and his fiancée in their bereavement.

OPIUM IN CASSIA.

SMUGGLER'S DODGE THAT FAILED.

COOLIE FINED \$1,000.

Further details of the finding of 3,190 taels of raw and 440 taels of prepared illicit opium on board the s.s. *Tai Sze Ma* hidden in a consignment of goods marked "Cassia, London" were given in Major C. Willson's Court yesterday morning when a *foh* of the Man Tai Wo firm and a youth were charged with possessing and importing the contraband. The charge against the youth was withdrawn. Mr. C. A. B. Russ appeared for the other man and pleaded not guilty.

Chief Preventive Officer Clarke and Revenue Officer Ward gave evidence of the attempt made to clear the cargo of ten bales by means of a delivery order sent by the youth. The delivery order provided a clue to the Revenue Officers and the defendant in the case was arrested by C. P. O. Clarke as the man was emerging from the Kowling Street entrance of No. 48, Des Voeux Road, West. The man had his right hand behind his back and held in it a number of chops, one of which agreed with the impression on the delivery order for the bales of cassia.

Defendant denied that he was concerned in the offence, stating that he sometimes worked as a cook and at other times as a coolie. Asked what he was doing with the chops, defendant said he was taking them to the accountant of the firm who had sent for them.

Chief Preventive Officer Clarke stated that the offence was a very serious one and he believed that the opium was going to Shanghai where it would be retailed. Mr. Russ submitted that the defendant had no guilty knowledge and did not appear to be the type of man who would engage in such lawless smuggling.

The Magistrate convicted the defendant, imposing a total fine of \$1,000 on the *foh* charges, or four months' hard labour.

PROPERTY SALES.

SIX TENEMENT HOUSES DISPOSED OF.

ALL BOUGHT BY PO ON CO.

Six tenement houses were put up for sale by auction yesterday at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's Auction mart. There were several representatives of Chinese real estate firms present, but the bidding was not very brisk. The six houses, which were offered in four lots, were all bought over by the Po On Company of No. 340, Wing Lok Street.

Houses Nos. 5 and 7, Third Street, which comprised an area of 630 square feet each and carried a crown rent of \$5.40 per annum each were sold for \$14,250. The upset price was \$15,000 and there was only one bid of \$350.

Another house situated at No. 83 Staunton Street, which had an area of 801 square feet was sold for \$11,000. The upset price for this lot was \$10,000 and there were four bids of \$200 each.

House No. 15, Second Street which had an area of 673 square feet and bearing a Crown rent of \$6.00 per annum was sold for \$8,250. There was only one bid of \$250 for this lot.

The other lot consisting of Nos. 1 and 2, Wing Lee Street was knocked down for \$15,250. These two houses had an area of 2,254.8 square feet and had to pay Crown Rent of \$7.26 per annum.

"YOU NEVER KNOW WOMEN."

EXCELLENT FILM AT THE WORLD.

MAGIC AND ACROBATS.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

"You Never Know Women" is a really good film and interesting from start to finish.

There are familiar incidents, and it may perhaps be one of the crop of circus films which tried to cut the ground under Chaplin's feet; but it is the first which we have seen which has in the least succeeded. More than this the actual performance in this case of a music hall variety show is far better, not only than the usual play-within-a-play but than the ring-side scenes in "The Circus." Charlie's own performance of course excepted.

The fact that a number of professional music hall artists were engaged to play in the film has a good deal to do with its success, but not all. More important is that the story has no *status*, it carries on to a definite crisis and the scenes of the performance are an essential part of it. In its essence the story reaches the emotional heights of "Resurrection" or "7th Heaven." In some places and yet does not take toll of the audience to any comparable degree. Perhaps the best and most significant scene is that between Vera and the mask of her dead lover, which has the restraint and sincerity of real art.

Formerly Vidor plays the heroines Vera, co-star of this company of Russians, with Norodin the magician, who is played by Olive Brook. Both the principals, and Lowell Sherman, as the wealthy villain who tries to persuade Vera to leave her friends, play extraordinarily well. Norodin's great trick, the illusion work and the acrobatics have all the interest of the real thing, you forget for the moment that what you are witnessing is a photograph of some thing which took place many months ago.

We recommend you not to miss "You Never Know Women," and feel sure you will not only enjoy it but hope for more films as carefully and efficiently made.

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BOTH SIDES MAKING READY.**CHANG TSO LIN ASKS FOR \$10,000,000 LOAN.****FURTHER DESERTERS FROM THE NATIONALIST CAUSE.****CHRISTIAN GENERAL COLLECTING TROOPS.****MURDER OF EX-PREMIER OF PEKING CABINET IN TIENSIN.****MARSHAL LI'S WELCOME AT NANKING.**

Following on the defeat of the "Christian General" at Changli Ho the Northern forces have advanced their front line, while Marshal Feng's troops are withdrawing to the southward.

Meanwhile both sides are making ready for a big offensive. Marshal Chang Tso Lin has asked for \$10,000,000 for war expenses. The Nationalists are also preparing. Naval Authorities at Shanghai are strictly on guard and no ship is allowed to pass the Wusung Fort after 9 p.m. Marshal Chiang Kai Shek intends to hold further conferences before taking action.

Marshal Li Tsai Hsin and his party received a warm welcome on their arrival in Nanking, where they were entertained by Marshal Chiang. They will discuss the rehabilitation of Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Hunan and Hupeh, as well as the Northern expedition.

It is reported that Yang Sen has won over Wu Yu Shan, commander of the 30th Nationalist Army, and it is believed that they will join the Northerners against Marshal Chiang Kai Shek.

Chang Shou Tseng, an ex-Premier of the Peking Cabinet, who has not been concerned with politics for some years, has been murdered in Tientsin. Chang Shou Tseng is connected by marriage with both Feng Yu Hsiang and Wu Pei Fu.

MARSHAL LI AT NANKING. THE NORTHERN ADVANCE.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, March 22nd. Marshal Li Tsai Hsin and his party arrived at Nanking last night, when he was accorded a splendid welcome by Nanking officials. On the same night Marshal Chiang Kai Shek entertained him at the Naval headquarters.

Members Of The Party.

Those who accompanied Marshal Li Tsai Hsin to Nanking included Chen Ming Shih, Li Chung Jen, Ho Ying Chien and Lai Mao Jen. They will hold an important conference to discuss the rehabilitation problems of Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Hunan and Hupeh, and plans of carrying on the Northern expedition.

VIGILANCE AT SHANGHAI.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, March 22nd. In view of the time for the start of the Northern Expedition drawing near, Marshal Chiang Kai Shek has instructed the Chinese naval authorities at Shanghai to be strictly on the watch. The Wusung Fort has declared that no steamer is allowed to pass the Fort after 9 p.m.

NATIONALIST COUNTER-ATTACK.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, March 22nd. It is reported that Marshal Chiang has still to consult with Feng Yu Hsiang and Yen Shih Shan regarding combined strategic moves before the exact date for the starting of the campaign can be fixed.

MURDER IN TIEN-TSIN.**EX-PREMIER VICTIM.****CONNECTION OF CHRISTIAN GENERAL.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

TIENSIN, March 22nd. An armed party entered the house of Chang Shou Tseng in the Chinese City yesterday evening and shot him dead. They did not molest any others of the household but fled immediately. No arrest had been made late last night.

Chang Shou Tseng is an ex-Premier and perhaps it is noteworthy that his daughter married the son of Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang.

It transpires that Chang Shou Tseng was invited to a sing-song at a house and was assassinated there.

Chang Shou Tseng's son married the daughter of Feng Yu Hsiang, while his daughter married Wu Pei Fu's adopted son. In view of these affiliations it is believed that there is a political motive for the crime though Chang Shou Tseng outwardly has not participated in politics for some years.

CHICHERIN'S REPLY TO PREMIER.**VIOLENT ATTACK ON MR. BALDWIN.****ZINOVIEFF LETTER A FORGERY.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

MOSCOW, March 22nd. M. Chicherin has issued a long reply to Mr. Baldwin's statement in the House of Commons. He declares that Mr. Baldwin's utterances relating to himself (Chicherin) and Zinovieff are slanderous and insulting fabrications.

He calls attention to the British refusal to accept the Soviet invitation to institute an inquiry into the authenticity of the Zinovieff letter. He advances in evidence that the Zinovieff letter was a forgery, as an example the trial in Russia of a certain Drujilovsky, a manufacturer of forgeries, whose testimony is alleged to show that the letter was fabricated in Berlin.

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY.**COOLIDGE ASKED TO CONTINUE.****"I MUST DECLINE."**

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, March 22nd. Members of the Republican Party of Wyoming have requested President Coolidge "to waive his personal preferences and consent to continue for another four years that leadership which has brought honour and prosperity to the country."

The President telegraphed his thanks and appreciation but laconically added, "I must decline."

INDIAN RAILWAY STRIKE.**TROOPS STANDING BY.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CALCUTTA, March 21st. The situation on the East Indian Railway is beginning to take a serious turn following the closing down of the Lilooah workshops, the trouble having spread to other departments.

A further 1,700 men have been downed in sympathy with the Lilooah men, who were locked out when the Railway decided to accede to a demand for considerable wage increases.

An armed police detachment from the Eastern Frontier Rifles is now standing by to prevent possible disturbances.

THE TEAPOT DOME SCANDAL.**MR. FALL DECIDES "TO TELL ALL."**

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, March 22nd. As a result of Press reports that Albert Fall, feeling he had only a short time to live decided "to tell all," Mr. Nye, Chairman of the Teapot Dome Investigation Committee, telegraphed to Mr. Fall offering to send a sub-committee to his home at El Paso to take his testimony.

Mr. Fall replied that he preferred to give his testimony in court.

EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO.**VIOLENT SHOCKS.**

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

MEXICO CITY, March 22nd. A violent earthquake shook the city at 10.25 p.m. The shocks lasted almost two minutes.

GIBRALTAR COURT-MARTIAL.**DEFENDING BARRISTER IN ROYAL OAK AFFAIR.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, March 21st. It is understood that Captain Dwyer and Commander Daniel will be represented at the Royal Oak court-martial in Gibraltar by the London barrister, Mr. Day Kimball, who was born in America and was formerly Assistant Attorney-General in the State of Massachusetts, and United States delegate on the Davis Cup Committee.

GREAT BRITAIN AND PERSIA.**ESTABLISHMENT OF AIR SERVICE.**

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

LONDON, March 21st. Sir Austen Chamberlain, in the House of Commons, stated that no settlement of the questions outstanding between the Persian Government and the British Government had yet been reached, and he could not at present make any statement regarding the negotiations for the establishment of a civil air service between Iraq and India.

JAPAN'S ATTACK ON COMMUNISM.**WIDESPREAD ARRESTS.****MANY DOCUMENTS SEIZED.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, March 22nd. The anti-Communist raids in Japan were much more widespread than was originally known to the public owing to the strict police ban upon publication in the Japanese Press of anything concerning them.

Raids were carried out simultaneously in Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Kyoto, Osaka, Kobe, Omiya, Fukuoka and Hokkaido. It is believed that arrests, which include a number of students, total about a thousand but this cannot be verified.

All Communist headquarters, secret rendezvous and the residences of suspects were visited and quantities of documents were seized.

"BILL" THOMPSON'S HANDIWORK.**SCHOOLS' SUPERINTENDENT DISMISSED.****"PRO-BRITISH CONDUCT."**

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

CHICAGO, March 22nd. A month after the expiration of his term of office as Schools Superintendent, the School Board passed a vote formally dismissing Mr. McAndrew on a charge of "pro-British and anti-American conduct."

Mr. McAndrew was not present and long ago ceased to attend the trial, terming it a farce which would lead to a preconceived conclusion.

AMERICAN NAVAL APPROPRIATIONS.**HEAVY EXPENSES FOR AIR ARM.****BIG CRUISER PROGRAMME.**

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, March 21st. The largest naval expenditure since the Washington Conference of 1922 is proposed in the annual Navy Department Supply Bill which has been reported to the House of Representatives by the Appropriations Committee.

The total is \$350,000,000 which represents an increase of \$20,000,000 over the current funds; chiefly owing to the increasing cost of naval aviation and the fact that all the eight 10,000-ton cruisers authorised in 1921 will be constructing simultaneously.

Airships And Planes.

The Committee anticipates an immediate upward trend of Naval costs. The Bill allows \$2,000,000 to start the construction of two new dirigibles, each to be 782 feet long and 132 feet deep, with a maximum speed of 75 knots, and with an ability to carry a crew of 61. The total cost will be \$5,000,000.

To heavier-than-air craft a sum of \$30,000,000 is allotted, an increase of \$11,000,000 plus a contract authorisation of \$10,000,000. This will provide for the delivery of 271 new aeroplanes during the years 1928 and 1929.

Two New Submarines.

The new 10,000-ton cruisers will be completed by the allotment of a sum of \$40,000,000 as an increase over last year of \$13,000,000. This sum also covers the construction of two new V-type submarines by 1930.

The Marine Corps allotment has also been increased by \$1,000,000, but this is in connection with the despatch of 7,000 Marines to China and Nicaragua for the protection of American interests.

A sum of \$8,000,000 is provided for the complete modernisation of the battleships U.S.S. Nevada and U.S.S. Oklahoma.

VIENNESE TOURIST DISASTER.**RESCUERS SNOW BOUND.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SALZBURG, March 21st. Seventeen Viennese tourists broke through a snow cornice which they were climbing, and became buried in the snow.

Four have been rescued, but the remaining thirteen are still missing, and a storm is impeding their rescue.

THIEVES' BIG HAUL.**SHANGHAI LADY ROBBED.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

NICE, March 21st. The amazing series of hotel thefts continued, the latest case concerning a Shanghai woman. Thieves entered several rooms in a hotel including that of Mrs. Lillian Grayridge, of Shanghai, who lost jewellery and money to the value of \$7,000 francs.

SHANGHAI BIGAMIST SENTENCED.**FALSE REPRESENTATION TO NURSE.****RECORDER REDUCES SENTENCE.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, March 22nd. Palmer was sentenced yesterday for bigamy, marrying Miss Robson, who only discovered that he was already married when she came to London.

The Recorder to-day reduced Palmer's sentence to 4 years, stating that he had given the sentence further consideration. While retaining his view in regard to the heinousness of the offence he always endeavoured to err on the side of mercy.

[An earlier cable states:—] John Digby Palmer (35), a quartermaster in the Mercantile Marine, who posed in Shanghai as a Naval Commander and deceived Shanghai nurse, Miss Hilda Robson, last summer, was sentenced at the Old Bailey to-day to five years penal servitude.

Palmer collapsed in the dock hearing the sentence. The evidence revealed that he was married in 1920 and had two children. By representing himself as a single man he obtained \$300 from Miss Robson.

Miss Robson gave evidence against Palmer and said that she was unable to return to Shanghai owing to the scandal.

Palmer declared he was bitterly ashamed of the part he had played against Miss Robson, whom he said was one of the best women he had ever met.

KING AMANULLAH'S ADVENTURE.**LONDON FROM AN AIR LINER.****INSPECTS G.W.R. WORKS.**

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

LONDON, March 21st. King Amanullah of Afghanistan had what he described as the "greatest thrill which the West has given me" when he was taken up for a flight over London to-day. The machine in which he flew was the Armstrong Sidelley, Argon, the largest air liner in the world, a twenty-cater used by the Imperial Airways on the cross-Channel service.

Captain Rogers was the pilot. Including Sir Samuel Hoare, the Secretary for Air, Air-Vice-Marshal Sir Sefton Branker, Sir Francis Humphreys, the British Minister at Kabul, and members of the King's suite, there were seventeen passengers, in addition to the pilot, the mechanic and a steward.

2,500 Feet Up.

King Amanullah eagerly watched the constantly-changing panoramas below.

On his head was a pair of ear-phones by means of which he could hear the wireless conversations being carried on between Croydon aerodrome and Captain Rogers.

King Amanullah through an interpreter declared that one of the things that pleased him most was the sight of Buckingham Palace and its grounds as he flew overhead.

Olly's Marvels.

After passing over the Crystal Palace, it went down the Thames to the Tower of London, then over St. Paul's Cathedral, Buckingham Palace and Hyde Park, crossing the Thames on the return journey over Vauxhall Bridge. A perfect landing was made after the flight. A Handley-Page machine also took up the remainder of King Amanullah's suite.

The Royal visitor in the afternoon left London for Swindon where he went over the Great Western Railway Company's works.

UNIVERSAL PEACE PACT.**FRANCE'S REPLY TO AMERICA.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PARIS, March 21st. It is understood in semi-official circles that M. Briand is preparing a Reply to Mr. Frank B. Kellogg's last Note as regards the outlawing of war.

The Reply will be conciliatory, favouring the American suggestion and constituting the first step towards the multilateral agreement.

M. Briand will suggest that the agreement be open to the signature of all nations and not be limited to the six great Powers mentioned by Mr. Kellogg.

M. Briand will also refer to the necessity for providing for the event of one of the signatories failing to keep the agreement.

COLDSTREAMS LAND AT SOUTHAMPTON.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

LONDON, March 21st. The Second Battalion, Coldstream Guards, after thirteen months' service in the Shanghai Defence Force, landed at Southampton this morning.

DUTCH RUBBER PRODUCERS.**MEMBERS TO VISIT ENGLAND.****MEETING WITH U.S. CONSUMERS.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE HAGUE, March 22nd. The Committee of the Dutch Rubber Producers has decided to get in touch with foreign producers and American consumers. Members will shortly visit England for this purpose, and subsequently a conference will be arranged with the chief American consumers.

STRAITS BILL.**FIRST READING IN LORDS.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, March 21st. The House of Lords to-day passed the first reading of the Straits Settlements, Johore, Territories, Waters (Agreements) Bill, which was introduced by Lord Lovat.

The introduction was purely formal, no explanation of the Bill being at present available.

GREAT AIRMAN HONOURED.**COL. LINDBERGH DECORATED.**

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, March 21st. The blue ribbon of the Congressional Medal of Honour, the rarest American tribute to courage and initiative, was placed round the shoulders of Colonel Lindbergh, the famous aviator, by President Coolidge, who most heartily congratulated the recipient on achieving the greatest personal triumph ever gained by an American citizen. The ceremony was witnessed by the highest public officials in Washington.

NICARAGUA'S ELECTIONS.**AMERICAN SUPERVISION.**

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

MANAGUA, March 21st. President Diaz has signed a decree establishing United States supervision over the national elections in Nicaragua.

TEAPOT DOME SCANDAL.**SPEAKING ILL OF THE DEAD.**

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

NEW YORK, March 21st. The dragging of the name of the late President Harding into the Teapot Dome oil scandal has prompted the Democratic paper World to express the opinion that the investigation will not reveal personal dishonesty on his part, although dishonesty undoubtedly existed in his administration. It says that the old rumours should be laid at rest on fairness to his memory.

Banned From Turf.**BALTIMORE, MARCH 21st.**

Owing to his connection with the Teapot Dome oil scandal, the Maryland Racing Association has banned Mr. Harry Sinclair's horses from racing on the Maryland tracks.

INDIAN VILLAGE BURNED.**MANY LIVES LOST.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, March 21st. A message from Shimoga, Mysore, states that 32 people were killed and 400 houses burned down as the result of a conflagration in the village of Etor, in the Shikapur district.

AMERICAN AND THE WORLD WAR.**HISTORY OF EARLY DISPUTES.**

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, March 21st. Somewhat sensational disclosures regarding the attitude adopted by the United States in the early days of the war are contained in an 800-page volume just published, and which is the first of a series covering the period 1914-19, outlining American history.

It is issued by the State Department and when completed will thoroughly detail the activities of the United States during the World War, from the outbreak to the end.

The volume published reveals that British Orders-in-Council as regards the rights of neutrals at sea in 1914, caused a very strong American protest, even a threat of rupture of relations with the Allies.

A secret Conference followed and the Orders were amended.

U.S. TAX ESTIMATES EXCEEDED.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, March 21st. On the basis of the figures available hitherto, it is estimated that the total income and company tax for the year 1927 at the rate of 48 per cent will exceed the estimate by \$410,000,000.

SUPPORT FOR LORD CUSHENDUN.**UNIVERSAL CRITICISM OF SOVIET.****BLUDGEON RATHER THAN OLIVE BRANCH.**

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

GENEVA, March 21st. It is the general opinion that Lord Cushman's vigorous speech has knocked the bottom out of the Soviet plans, many delegates speaking in support of him to-day.

The Netherlands delegate, Herr Rutgers, agreed with most of the points made by Lord Cushman, pointing out that complete disarmament would expose all nations to brigandage, to adventurers and to revolution.

M. Hennings and Mr. Hugh Gibson rejected the Russian scheme as impossible, the United States delegate urging the Commission to continue its present work.

Russia's Neighbours. M. Sokal (Poland) as Russia's neighbour, favoured an examination to see whether some of the Soviet proposals might be embodied in a Convention, but added that it would be necessary to uphold the principles of the League of Nations.

M. Jacquemyns (Belgium) said that the Soviet proposals were a bludgeon rather than an olive branch. The scheme, he declared, was inspired by a hatred of civilization, but a careful study of the matter might reveal some retainable points.

Impossible At Present. M. Moroff (Bulgaria) said it was impossible to apply the Soviet scheme at present, while M. Marinkovitch (Yugo-Slavia) said that not a single element in the Russian scheme was likely to advance the problem of disarmament.

M. Politis (Greece) pointed out that the scheme was incompatible with the Covenant and suggested the adjournment of the matter till the next Session. He hoped for continued Soviet co-operation and eventual entry into the League of Nations.

American Trials.**NEW YORK, March 21st.**

Lord Cushman's Geneva speech is hailed in New York as the greatest delivered in the history of the League. The New York Times expressing the opinion that the British representatives did a good half-hour's work, says he uncovered the Soviet immorality and hypocrisy and exposed the glaring attempt to seek under the guise of peace a fresh course for the most deadly international plotting and destruction.

Great Skill And Judgment.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

In the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain was asked whether the British delegation on the Disarmament Commission at Geneva had received any instructions regarding the Soviet proposals for general disarmament.

The Foreign Secretary replied that the British delegation had been instructed to co-operate with his colleagues in securing the fullest examination of the Soviet proposals.

The House would notice from the reports in the Press that he had carried out his instructions with great skill and judgment.

U.S. Sincerity.**GENEVA, March 21st.**

Mr. Hugh Gibson referred to Mr. Kellogg's proposal to outlaw war in the course of his speech to the Disarmament Commission. He emphasized that it was "precisely on the grounds of sincerity, consistency and logic that my Government supports the idea of a multilateral treaty, renouncing war as an instrument of national policy, and simultaneously finds itself unable to support the drastic proposals for complete disarmament, which we do not believe is calculated to achieve their avowed purpose."

The United States Government, he said, believes in the one project and disbelieves in the other. They believed that the idea behind the proposal for a pact renouncing war could be "made effective" as an articulate expression of the almost universal will to peace.

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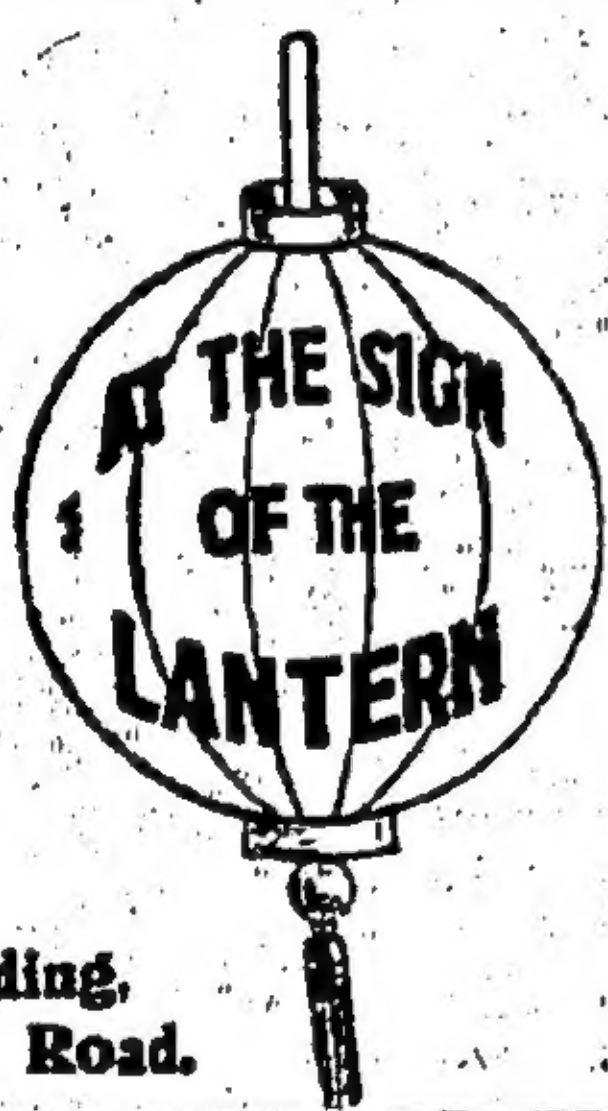
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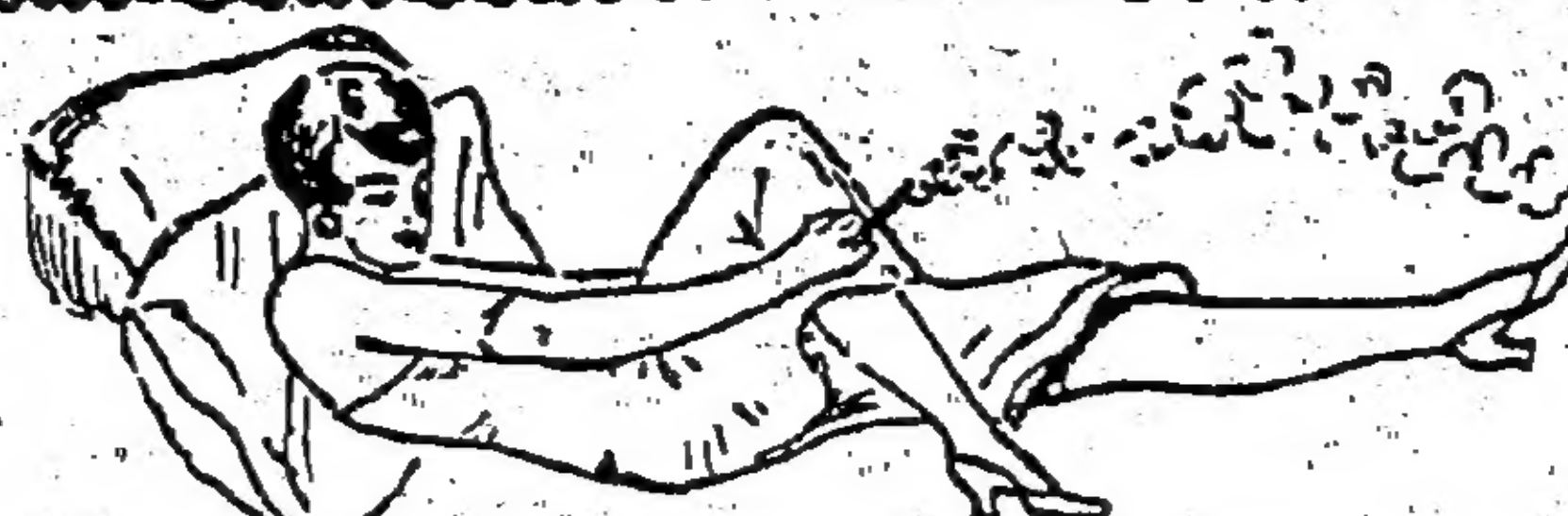
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The WOMAN'S PAGE

CHAINS AND GROSGRAIN.

CONNOR HATS.

In the SIGN OF THE LANTERN I was delighted to find a collection of "Connor" hats in the new summer styles, some of them as cheap as \$3.50 which is amazing when you consider the chic and good workmanship which have made this make of hats famous.

Perhaps the most delightful of all is a wide trimmed silk horse-hair model in a lovely red. It is, like most of the new hats, trimmed with a band of self-colour gros grain and is bound with a wide edge of the same. Another large hat is of apple green varnished Bangkok straw with a narrow swathe of satin ribbon; and very chic indeed is a third large hat of black horsehair, which is bound with a narrow edge of black gros grain, and has a bow, also bound, of the straw set high up in front of the crown as its sole adornment.

THE CHARM OF CHAIN STITCH.

Instead of knitting a jumper or darning a bedspread on filet net, the Parisienne is devoting her leisure hours to embroidering some kind of sleeveless garment.

There is the simple flannel waist-coat for sports wear and there is the elaborate tunic of metal lamé for evening affairs. Between these extremes are boleros, jerkins, jumpers, and cardigans of every possible shape and size.

The Most Popular Stitch.

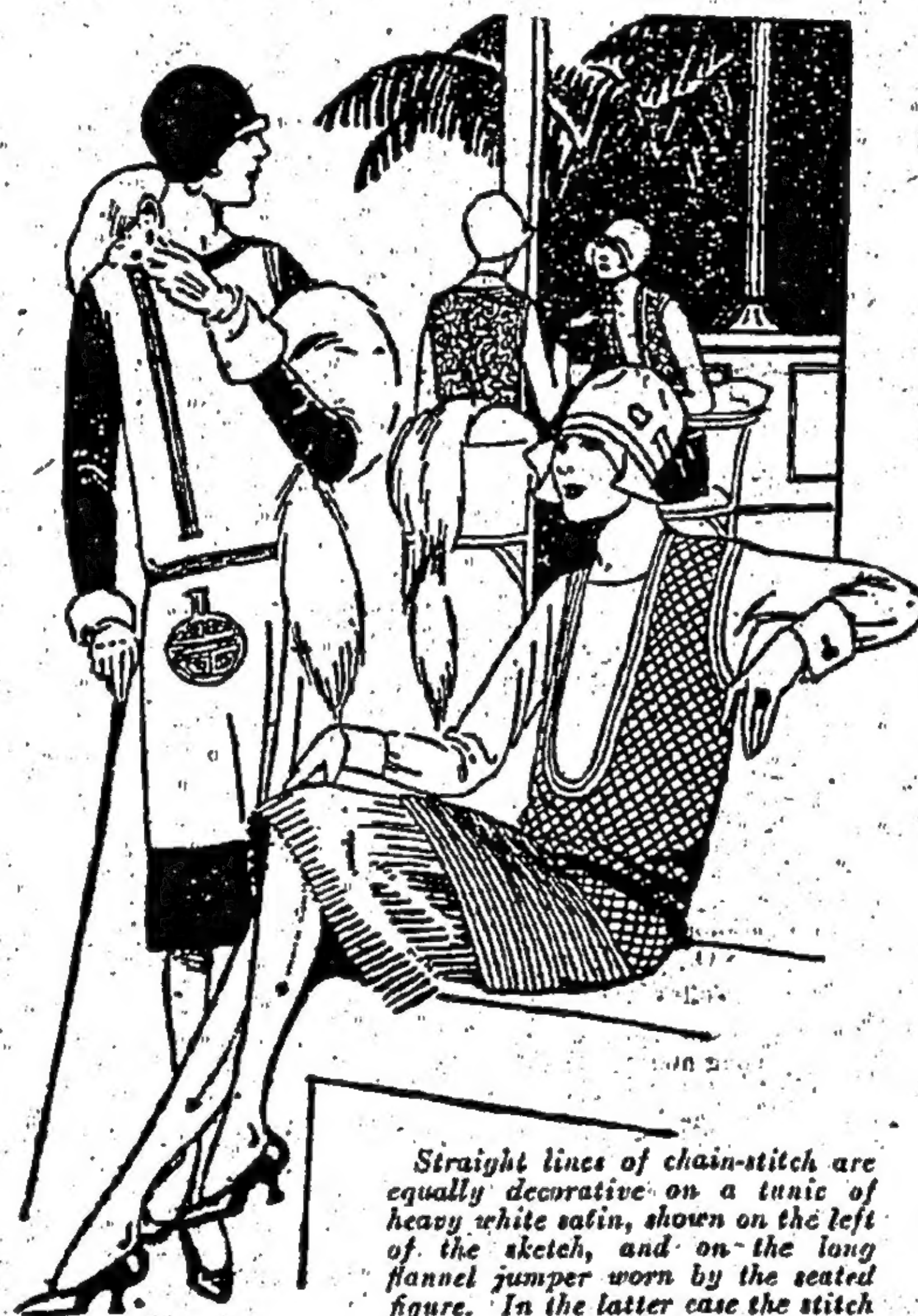
Only in one respect do they all agree—the form of their decoration. Everything is trimmed with lines of chain-stitch, preferably straight lines.

Several examples of this new industry are shown in the sketch. On the left is a tunic of heavy white crepe satin trimmed with lines of vermilion and gold chain-stitch. The tunic could be worn over a plain black satin dress for smart day functions or over a vermilion crepe underskirt for evening occasion.

A Practical Type of Jumper.

The seated figure wears a navy blue flannel long jumper check 1 and bordered with lines of white

POSSIBILITIES OF A SIMPLE CHAIN-STITCH.



Straight lines of chain-stitch are equally decorative on a tunic of heavy white satin, shown on the left of the sketch, and on the long flannel jumper worn by the seated figure. In the latter case the stitch is applied horizontally to form a border, and in checked designs.

A novel form of ornament is found on one or two of the smaller shapes. A short section of metal chain work or overlapping plates is placed in the front of the almost inevitable band of matching gros grain. By the way this corded ribbon is now generally shaded from a tone of two darker to a tone lighter than the straw which it trims.

chain-stitching. This could be worn with a plain blue skirt and white china silk shirt. Needless to say, blue enamel cuff-links would be an essential feature of the ensemble. Later on this jumper could be worn with a white pleated skirt or tennis frocks very effective.

The bolero shown in the background is intended to be one of these gold lamé varieties embroidered in many colours, that are so smart on plain frocks for restaurant wear.

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SEEN IN THE LOCAL SHOPS.

SILKS, CARPETS AND SHEETS.

The Pioneer Silk Store are advertising georgettes to-day and it is very well worth while paying a visit there just for the pleasure of examining the delightful new fabrics which have come from India and Japan. I particularly liked the new embossed georgette. There is a very pale almost smoke coloured, mauve, with a white spot, and a white with hand embroidered spots in silver thread which would be very lovely for evening wear. Beige georgette with a flower embroidered in a lighter toned silk is also very pretty. More gorgeous are the embossed, or I think more properly damask, georgettes which have flowers in toning or contrasting colours, such as apricot with orange and red blooms, and dull mauve with a flame coloured pattern.

Sleep Well.

The coming of a very large shipment of the famous marple sheets and pillowslips to WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW'S, reminds us that this is the best season to have bedding remade, and to lay in a stock of the extra bed linen which will be required in the summer. Whiteaway's will clean and remake your mattress in one day, and the extra comfort is worth many times the modest cost.

Lamp Shades And Beach Towels.

In the same shop I saw some nice little silk covered lamp shades in all colours for only \$1.95 each, and coloured bath towels for beach or nursery use at one dollar each.

Silk Carpets.

POHOOMULL'S have received a number of new silk rugs and carpets in different designs and colourings. These rugs wear well, are washable, and easy to move, besides being bright and artistic. They also have just got in a collection of oriental tapestries, wall curtains, table covers, etc., which can be put to a variety of useful purposes.

Summer Hats.

In WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW'S I saw a very big selection of new straw hats, some large and some small shapes, of all the various fashionable straws. They have an unusually representative collection of the popular beiges and tans, and head fittings to suit every one.

A Hat For A Dollar.

WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW'S are also showing some really very pretty rush hats, trimmed with felt, for only one dollar each. There are various shapes and colours, all of which are smart and up-to-date. I also saw a pile of delightful voile dress lengths mostly floral bordered patterns and no two alike. The prices are from \$4.95.

Starlite Shoes.

I was glad to see that POWELL'S are now stocking "Starlite" shoes for children. They are well made of excellent materials and help to keep the foot in its natural beautiful shape. The heel is continued on the inside under the instep which helps weak ankles, and certainly no better or more economical choice of shoes could be made by the mother who wants her child to have the best possible start in life physically.

Chintz Frocks.

I stopped yesterday at the Dotz VANDER HART SHOP charmed by the pretty flowery little dresses which I saw hanging there. They are made of cotton, linen or voile printed in gay chintz patterns and cut with all the chic of the newest styles.

I, for one, am delighted to welcome back these pretty chintz terms which were so popular several years ago. They have a fresh cool look which is particularly attractive in a warm land. Incidentally they wash beautifully.

Blackwood And Silks.

The newly opened Oriental department of LANE, CRAWFORD'S has been made very welcome. All the blackwood is beautiful and genuinely old, and is being sold remarkably cheaply. Some of the pieces are real art treasures, and would be a very profitable investment apart from their intrinsic value. Mandarin coats, sleeve bands and embroidery have also been shown there this week.



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TUNG FUNG SOA.

A SAGE AND A DRAGON HORSE.

Tung Fung Soa, the kindly Chinese deity who holds the peach, which is eternal food has come to live under Quinney's roof.

There are two earthenware images of him there, purloined ages ago from the roof of a Chinese temple. These temple figures are extremely rare in these days, for when China was more careless of her treasures than she is today they became the rage of European collectors. Not only were the figures of saints and sages torn from the roofs which they so fitly ornamented, but the very roofs themselves were denuded of their tiles by unscrupulous collectors, and still more unscrupulous Chinese persons who traded them to the foreigners.

Tung Fung Soa is represented as a fat and benevolent old man loosely wrapped in a glazed green and blue cloak. His long white moustaches are also of flower, but his head and body are unglazed earthenware; a colour combination which is particularly attractive. He leans with one hand on a long branching staff and holds in the other the miraculous peach.

The figure represents a Taoist Saint who discovered a wonderful peach which only ripens once in 3,000 years in the Kun-hin paradise. According to Chinese mythology Tung Fung Soa will come back to earth and give of the peaches to those who have believed in him. Whoever has a peach will never want any other food for it will satisfy his hunger for ever. The story is not clear on the point whether the peach renews itself like the widow's crucifix, or whether the appetite is satisfied merely by contemplation, but in either case it is certainly a desirable object.

The Dragon Horse.

The dragon horse rises from the green sea and prances across a great green and turquoise blue vase that stands in Mr. Komor's sanctuary. He too is a figure of mythology and has mysterious diagrams on his back representing the "pa kua" of ancient divination and mystic philosophy.

This mystic philosophy of China consists of books, which might be compared to the Talmud of the Jews, dealing with doctrines and the explanation of ancient laws. The vase is a very fine and beautiful piece of the Ming dynasty and has a black yod stand and cover.

HATS AND SOME FLOWERS.

SILKY STRAWS AND GROSGRAIN.

The new hats are very attractive. They are mostly made of straws with a silky surface, although there are some varished bankoks, crinolines and very charming horsehair straws.



Two examples of the embroidered felts which are having such a vogue just now, both have fairly wide brims and are embroidered in multi-coloured silks.

The greater number of the new models have brims, in some cases very considerable ones with beautiful sweeping lines. There is just a suggestion of the once popular "vagabond" shape about some of the models, and there are still plenty of smart small shapes for those who prefer them.

(Continued on next column.)

NEW DAININESS.

CHARMING SUMMER STYLES AT LANE, CRAWFORD'S.

The most striking feature of the new summer dresses both those designed for day and evening wear is their daintiness. The more formal and rich looking mode has passed with the winter; colours are mostly in pastel shades among which pink, blue, apricot, and green predominate; scallops and floral trimmings of beads, embroidery, or ribbon are noticeable; also pin tucks and drawn thread work.

It might perhaps be well to group Lane, Crawford's new collection under colours. The pinks are almost every shade from salmon to the faintest blush, but the bluish flesh pinks which came in some months ago have not proved popular and are no longer seen. There is a shell pink georgette frock with sleeves, which is trimmed with drawn thread work and tiny posies of flowers in pastel shades worked in fine silk. Voile in the same colour has insertions of fine cream Valenciennes and similar flower embroidery; both are essentially dainty and feminine garments preserving at the same time that simplicity of line which has become an essential of chic. A very lovely evening frock is made of deep salmon pink georgette, and has a long skirt made up of rows of frills which is longer at the back than the front. The long sash which is tied at the back in a big bow and secured there with a diamond buckle is a new and very charming style.

Two apricot coloured frocks, one of georgette for evening wear and the other of organdie, are interesting because they reverse the accepted ideas of skirt length. It is the organdie, the day frock, which is ankle length, and very charming it is with its deep hem and piping of a richer tone. The other frock achieves a length of skirt in long rounded side panels, which are edged with little gold beads, and is trimmed with embroidered flowers in pink silk.

Green again is used for day and evening wear, but in this case both dresses are properly speaking robes de style. The former, of leaf green organdie has a long full skirt made up of pinked frills, and tiny sleeves. The evening gown is very picturesque being of turquoise green taffetas with a hem of silver lace. The same lace appears in vandykes on the bodice arising from the hip line and there are stole like silver ribbons which hang from the shoulders and are loosely knotted in front at the waist.

Very similar in style to this green frock is another, which I thought even prettier, made of periwinkle blue georgette with the bodice veiled with silver silk lace and a deep hem of the same. There is the same arrangement of silver ribbon as in the last frock I mentioned.

Gros grain, velvet or satin ribbon are used mostly as trimmings, but in every case these are kept neat and generally tone almost exactly with the straws, although I have seen a few flower-trimmed hats which are extremely pretty and I think a welcome change after the somewhat severe winter styles.

Pamela has, as you would expect, a very representative and chic collection. There is a model in a green lace straw, by which I mean a very loosely woven tagal, which has a close set wreath of small wild flowers mostly in tones of green and brown. A cinnamon brown bankok straw has the brim cut and turned up sharply over one eye, a popular and becoming mode. A very lovely red horsehair straw has a loose swathe of satin ribbon to trim it which mounts in a bow in the front of the crown. Another wide trimmed hat, a soft black crinoline, has two large velvet convolvulus flowers, one blue and the other green, laid just beside the crown on one side; while a soft claret coloured straw relies for trimming on its own shape. The rousseau crown and two "plumes" of the straw which are crossed at the back, giving a very pretty and irregular outline which frames the face rather like the petals of a flower.

And talking of flowers brings me to the other box which I enjoyed watching being unpacked at Pamela's. I think I have never seen such lovely blooms for dress wear. They are not all of them flowers of a species known to the florists, but in shape and delicacy of colouring very perfectly adapted to wear on shoulder or hip. Some are of silk, others organdie, and yet others of beautifully soft little feathers. They are for the most part loosely arranged bunches of smallish flowers which are intended to be worn drooping down.

FROM PARIS.

EMBROIDERY COMES WITH THE SUMMER MODE.

Madame Sarraute is getting to-day a very large collection of dresses from Paris. They are for day, afternoon, and evening wear, at prices to suit everybody. When I was in on Wednesday I saw a few very pretty little summer dresses which give some indication of what we may expect and of the lines upon which the new mode has developed.

Embroidery plays an important part, but not a very obtrusive one. Most of the frocks have posies or lines of small flowers in pastel shades generally worked in chain stitch, others are trimmed with flowers of *broderie anglaise*. A semi-evening or bridge frock is made of *eau de nil* georgette and has open work daisies stitched with yellow and a deeper green. There is a very similar model in powder blue with pink stitchery. A very charming apricot voile frock is starred all over, but not regularly, with little white daisies made of a twist of white braid stitched over with blue thread. The flowers are arranged in masses which are to a certain extent naturalistic, and give a pleasing daintiness and informality. I noticed many other dresses but have not here sufficient space to describe them, with the exception of one very chic two piece composed of a white frock of thick silk, trimmed with pin tucks and amber buttons, with a sleeveless cardigan of silk and wool fitted of a deep honey colour. An attractive little evening dress of shell pink georgette is trimmed with flowers of soft shaded ribbon in pink, blue and mauve. A wreath of these little blossoms makes a deep V at the back, and they form a posy on the hip, and appear again in little clusters on the floating panels of the skirt, which is cut longer at the back.

BEAUTY EXERCISES.

FIGURES VERSUS FATNESS.

It is a relief to those of us who are not naturally slim to learn that it is no longer necessary to suppress feminine curves as rigorously as hitherto. In the interests of both health and beauty the feminine form should be perfectly proportioned and well developed. This, however, does not mean fat.

In order to obtain a figure good from every point of view, physical exercises which "promote an all-round harmonious development of the body" should be practised daily, the mind concentrated on each movement as it is performed. A breathing exercise followed by an arm, a leg, and a trunk exercise need not take up much time. The following combined exercise is one that I personally find most useful.

For Body Development.

Stand in the first position with the feet apart, raise the arms above the head, link the thumbs together, bend very slowly down, keeping the head between the arms and the knees stiff until the fingers touch the floor—or as near it as possible, if you are not of the touch-your-toes brigade—rise slowly into the first position, lifting the vertebrae in turn, and when the arms are over the head bring them smartly down behind, making the backs of the hands touch. Repeat this combined movement five times.

The majority of figures need some sort of belt and brassiere to give support without suppression.

Head-to-Foot Friction.

In addition to exercises, the following French treatment, of which I personally have proved the value, should be adopted. Instead of soaking in a hot bath, a habit which ages the tissues and makes the muscles flabby and the skin loose, have a quick wash with very hot water, followed by as cold a sponge as the system will stand. Follow this with a head to foot friction with a strip of knitted horsehair known as a *laniere* moistened with weak *eau de Cologne*.

Use discretion until the skin is accustomed to the friction in order to avoid soreness. This treatment not only makes the figure firm and the skin smooth but it gets rid of rheumatic aches and pains, improves the digestion and strengthens the organs of elimination. It also improves the circulation and produces a fresh first-things-in-the-morning complexion and, what is perhaps best of all, and extraordinary feeling of fitness and general well-being.

BURGLAR'S BEDROOM CHAT.

YOUNG LADY ATTEMPTS TO REFORM HIM.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF CRIME.

New York. Two burglars visited a New York apartment house and robbed four women. One woman slept during the excitement; another scolded the two men; the third pretended to be asleep; but the fourth sought their reformation. One burglar was polite and conversational, the other surly and taciturn.

The gentlemanly burglar, a dark young man, conversed with a mother and daughter, Mrs. and Miss Whipple, as they lay in bed and explained his philosophy of crime in reply to the daughter's pleading that he should give up the life.

"Have you a mother?" asked Miss Whipple.

"No," said the burglar. "I'm an orphan."

"Why do you pick on poor honest? We are all poor," remarked the girl.

The Burglar (philosophically): We all make mistakes, but we ain't doin' so bad.

Miss Whipple: I've only got five dollars.

The Burglar: Lady, if you've only five I give them back to you.

"Are you members of a gang?" questioned Miss Whipple.

The Burglar (conspicuously): You've been seeing too many movies.

"I'm Opposed To Work."

"Why don't you get an honest job?" pursued the daughter.

The Burglar (sensibly): You don't know labour conditions. They are terrible.

"There's some job you could find congenial," suggested the girl.

The Burglar: Maybe; but there's work attached to all. I'm opposed to work.

At this point, the taciturn burglar returned from a visit to the next room, where he had found a few jewels. The police burglar dropped his affability.

"I've been pretty nice," he said, as he prepared to leave by the window, "but if either of you make a noise for five minutes I'll shoot the two of you."

When the detectives arrived Mrs. Whipple said: "I wasn't a bit scared. What was there to be afraid of?" But her daughter admitted that she was frightened to death.

A detective's comment summed up the situation. He said: "New York is a great city. Where else would anything like this happen?" But the two burglars are still at large.



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Hong Kong Observatory, March 22nd.

Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 8 a.m.	On Date at 3 p.m.
Barometer ... 29.24	29.27	30.00
Temperature ... 73	68	67
Humidity ... 70	75	78
Wind ... ESE	ESE	ESE
Direction ... ESE	ESE	ESE
Force ... 0	0	0
Weather ... 0	0	0
Rain ... 0.00	0.00	0.00
Highest open-air Temperature, 21st: 72		
Lowest open-air Temperature, 22nd: 68		
B-Blue sky; C-Cloudy; D-Dew; F-Fog; L-Lightning; M-Mist; O-Overcast; P-Passing showers; Q-Squalls; R-Rain; T-Thunder.		

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From March 22nd to 29th, 1928.

Day of Week	Date of Month	High Water	Low Water
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Fri.	23	h. m. a. m. p. m.	h. m. a. m. p. m.
Sat.	24	h. m. a. m. p. m.	h. m. a. m. p. m.
Sun.	25	h. m. a. m. p. m.	h. m. a. m. p. m.
Mon.	26	h. m. a. m. p. m.	h. m. a. m. p. m.
Tue.	27	h. m. a. m. p. m.	h. m. a. m. p. m.
Wed.	28	h. m. a. m. p. m.	h. m. a. m. p. m.
Thur.	29	h. m. a. m. p. m.	h. m. a. m. p. m.

ROBOTS IN THE OFFICE.

SOME MODERN MARVELS.

NEW CALCULATING MACHINES.

If a business man were to attend the Business Efficiency Exhibition, at the Holland Park Hall and install at his office all the labour-saving machines to be found there, it is doubtful whether he would require any staff at all. There would certainly be an army of typists and clerks out of work.

Many of the machines are so intelligent that it is possible that the office manager himself might go to the South of France while these mechanical Robots took over his work.

While the manager was basking in the sun a machine in his office in London would be opening the day's mail at the rate of 30,000 envelopes per hour.

Meanwhile, if there was any staff left, a time clock would be showing the times when the office door was locked and unlocked.

Another machine writes, adds, cross-adds and subtracts, and when the 30,000 letters, after these little flights in mathematics, were answered, an addressing machine would put itself into action. It prints the letters, fills in the name and address, signs the letter and addresses the envelope.

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It should be mentioned that the cheque signer signs six cheques at a time at the rate of 150 per minute. What glorious overdrafts for the banks!

As for telephone subscribers whose daily grievances in the London area alone would fill a book, there is new hope. The Post Office authorities have installed an automatic exchange to show how "the up-to-date telephone is worked."

This can apparently not be done so successfully on the telephone supplied to the rank and file of the public.

Secret Code Machines.

Anybody who wishes to carry on his correspondence in inviolable secrecy can buy one of the most ingenious machines ever invented.

It has a typewriter at each end with most complicated machinery in the centre. You typewrite the message at one end; it then passes through something over a million combinations, and appears type-written at the other end as a maze of letters. No one letter ever appears twice the same in the code, so that it is impossible to obtain a key.

When the meaningless array of letters reaches the proper recipient, however, who is of course armed with a similar machine, he types the received message, and it is decoded without the slightest hesitation or error.

One of the greatest triumphs for the British manufacturer is a new calculating machine that will add, subtract, and change pounds sterling into dollars, francs and lire all at the same time, and perform algebraic calculations with a turn of a handle.

SERENADING A TAX COLLECTOR.

"WHEN I SEE THEE, I MUST WEEP."

Prussian officialdom retains its incapacity for humour.

A resident in Neustadt, hearing a street organ-grinder playing a new popular refrain: "When I see thee, I must weep," paid him five shillings to play it for half an hour outside the local tax collector's office.

Here a window was opened and a few coins were flung out but in accordance with his contract he continued to turn the handle. Five minutes later the window was again opened, and he was told to clear off as he need not expect anything more. The secret of his persistence then became known.

The inspirer of the joke has been hauled before the courts by the offended officials, and has had to pay a "disciplinary fine" of 30s.

—Exchange.

ELLEN TERRY'S 80th BIRTHDAY.

CONVALESCENT AND CHEERFUL.

HER PERSONAL CHARM.

WATERBURY, Kent.

Dame Ellen Terry, the great actress, is 80 to-morrow, says the *Daily Mail* of February 27th. She has been lying ill with bronchitis in this old-world village.

The attack has been severe, but she was better to-day. It is, however, very doubtful whether she will be well enough and her voice sufficiently strong to broadcast to-morrow a message to the nation, as had been arranged.

She is at Lady Mabel Egerton's "The Red House," a corner building, green shuttered, with a homely front door opening on to the village street.

Miss Edith Craig, Dame Ellen Terry's daughter, who is staying at the ancient inn close by, said:—

"Mother is better to-day. She is very cheerful. I shall have to do the broadcasting, I suppose, if she does not."

"VISION OF BEAUTY."

SIR J. FORBES-ROBERTSON'S MEMORY OF DAME ELLEN.

Dame Ellen Terry is one of a famous trio forming a link with the theatre of the past. The others are Dame Maggie Kendal, who is 79, and Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson, who is 75.

Speaking of the "old days," Sir Johnston said:—

"I well remember my first appearance with Dame Ellen in 1874 at the old Amphitheatre, which used to be just across the water on the Surrey side. She had just been induced to return to the stage, for it was early in her career that she married Watts, the painter. The play was 'The Wandering Heir,' by Charles Reade.

She made a deep impression on me. I was 21 and she was 29—a vision of beauty."

Charles Keen took a great interest in her when she was quite a child. It was at his theatre—the old Princess's in Oxford-street, which is now used as a furniture warehouse—that she made her first appearance at a very early age.

"THE DARLING."

HER GENEROSITY AND MODESTY.

[BY MRS. GORDON CRAIG, DAME ELLEN TERRY'S DAUGHTER-IN-LAW.]

"The Darling," as we call her, will be written of in many roles to-day. To me has been given the joy of knowing her in the most difficult of all parts—the mother-in-law, and how has she filled it!

In the 'nineties, the "mother-in-law" joke was at its height and, more than that, its traditions were often a reality. Ellen Terry broken them all to pieces.

In our case the last two grim words dropped into instant disuse. "Mother" was, is, and always will be, "the adored one" of us all.

I knew Ellen Terry before I was born. Our mothers were friends. Ellen Terry was my grandfather's tenant. The little house belonging to him in which my sister-in-law, Edy, was born changed hands, and two years later I was born there also.

Two Beautiful Women.

Meanwhile a nest had been built for her three miles off at Harpenden, and there, at almost exactly the same time as myself, my husband was born, and our mothers—now friends—doubtless compared babies.

Not only Ellen Terry but the entire family, a large one, were constant and idolised guests at my old home, Edy, Teddy (my husband), and I and my brothers and sisters played Shakespeare in the hayfields where now stands St. Albans Hospital. I was invariably dying as Juliet, while Teddy destroyed haycocks to visit my tomb.

"Small wonder that we fell in love when, after a six years' absence at school, he came to stay with us at the great age of 17! Not long after we were married.

"The Darling" slightly shocked by our youth and improvidence, sent us a huge cake from Buzards anonymously. We wired our thanks and devotion! Then we ate it all ourselves!

Her Kindness And Modesty.

She was always like that. She disapproved of my going on the stage for fear the babies should be neglected. The next day comes a lovely fur-trimmed cloak to interview managers in.

When two out of my three boys went to the war it was she who consoled the third for being unfit and prayed for the others.

Prophetically she had said earlier of the younger ones, "A year after the Armistice, when he went down with shell-shock, it was she who went to see him in hospital, helping me as no one else to get him well."

When we had succeeded, and in the joy of his restored health, she gave his life to save another, "the Darling" of the ready tongue, (Continued at foot of next column.)

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Hong Kong, 21st Mar., 1928. [6037]

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 28th March, 1928, will be subject to Rent.

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FROM EUROPE.

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THE POPE'S PICTURE.

SENTRIES GUARD IT FROM PAINTER.

WAR is being waged between the municipality of Beuthen, in Silesia, and a local artist named Carl Witteck over a full-length portrait of the Pope which the artist was specially commissioned to paint in Rome.

The artist was given an advance of £215 for his journey to Rome, but on his return he asked for a further £200. The burgomaster, he says, promised to pay him this sum, but did not do so. The artist thereupon went to the Beuthen museum, escorted by a party of friends, overpowered the keepers, bound them hand and foot, and took away his canvas.

The next day the mayor, during the painter's absence, took his house by storm, with the aid of the local police and fire brigade, and recovered the painting, which has been restored to its place in the museum, where it is guarded day and night by two armed sentries.

wired me for the first time. "I have no words."

Earlier she had said to him, "Peter, has the most beautiful manners arising from modesty that I have ever seen." I cherish that praise of him above all the lovely things that were said of his courage, and in saying it of him, was she not just looking into her own mirror!

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underigned on or before the 10th April, or they will not be recognized.

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21st March, 1928. [6039]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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HONG KONG HANSARD RE-PRINTS OF THE MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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WUHAN, CHONGKING & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHO" ... On 23rd Mar.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUNNING" ... On 24th Mar.	6 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KWANGTUNG" ... On 24th Mar.	Noon
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANKING" ... On 25th Mar.	9 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN" ... On 25th Mar.	Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, NEW CHANG & DALNY	"KANCHO" ... On 25th Mar.	Noon
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOOCHOW" ... On 26th Mar.	6 p.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"TAMING" ... On 26th Mar.	6 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"TEAN" ... On 29th Mar.	8 a.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"LINAN" ... On 30th Mar.	Noon
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SHANTUNG" ... On 31st Mar.	6 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG" ... On 1st Apr.	9 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, NEW CHANG & DALNY	"YINGCHOW" ... On 1st Apr.	Noon
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW" ... On 1st Apr.	Noon
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUIYANG" ... On 2nd Apr.	6 a.m.
WUHAN, CHONGKING & TIENTSIN	"HUICHO" ... On 3rd Apr.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"HUPH" ... On 4th Apr.	8 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KWEIYANG" ... On 8th Apr.	6 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU" ... On 8th Apr.	Noon

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CHENONCEAUX ... 10th Apr.	CHENONCEAUX ... 10th Apr.
ATHOS II ... 24th Apr.	ATHOS II ... 24th Apr.
D'ARTAGNAN ... 8th May	D'ARTAGNAN ... 8th May

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Shipping News Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

March 21st.
Ho Sang, British str., 3,293 tons, Capt. W. Field Hook, from Yokohama and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

March 22nd.
Atlantic, Swedish str., 3,000 tons, Capt. K. H. Ruthberg, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B30.—Dodwell & Co.

Chenau, British str., 1,355 tons, Capt. J. D. Fraser, from Canton, lying at Taikoo Dock.—B. & S.

Hai Ching, British str., 1,267 tons, Capt. O. H. Farrar, from Foochow, Amoy and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S.S. Co.

Hai Ning, British str., 833 tons, Capt. W. G. Erwin, from Singapore, which port she left on March 18th, with a general cargo, lying at Yaumati.—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

Hin Sang, British str., 1,885 tons, Capt. T. Grant, from Sandakan, with a general cargo, lying at Yaumati.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Huma Maru, Japanese str., 2,350 tons, Capt. H. Oyama, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C48.—O.S.K.

Hsin Foo Sing, Chinese str., 997 tons, Capt. R. Siman, from Saigon, which port she left on March 18th, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C17.—Yuen Sing Fat.

Kueichow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. R. Ashby, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C34.—B. & S.

Kwai Sang, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. C. Alexandre, from Canton, lying at buoy No. C33.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,517 tons, Capt. T. Yasukawa, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C37.—N.Y.K.

Times Maru, Japanese str., 1,305 tons, Capt. T. Nakamura, from Keelung, which port she left on March 18th, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. B34.—M.B.K.

Tonkin, French str., 907 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, which port she left on March 18th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C43.—M.M.

CLEARANCES.

March 22nd.
Aizawa Maru No. 24, for Macao.
Atlantic, for Chinwangtao.
Benavon, for Shanghai.
Daviken, for Singapore.
Hydrangea, for Swatow.
Lushan Maru, for Swatow.
Prominent, for Saigon.
Roku Maru, for Canton.
Takoku Maru, for Takao.
Tok Hing, for Macao.
Times Maru, for Whampoa.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The s.s. *Takima* (B.I. and Apecar Line) will leave Amoy for Hong Kong this (Friday) afternoon, and is due here on Saturday afternoon.
 The P. & O. s.s. *Miraspora* left Shanghai for Hong Kong on Wednesday at 2 p.m., with the mails, and is due here on Sunday at about 8 a.m.

BRITISH SHIPPING REVIVAL.

BUT SMALLER PROFIT ON LINERS.

Shipping freights are only 16 per cent. above the pre-war level, while railway rates are between 50 per cent. and 87 per cent. higher, says the report of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom.

An analysis of the dividends of 75 tramp companies owning 488 vessels of 2,133,235 tons gross shows that the average dividend paid in 1927 was 5.18 per cent., compared with 2.61 in 1926. The average for 31 liner companies owning 1,077 vessels of 4,236,000 tons was 5.18 per cent., compared with 5.42 per cent. in 1926.

Except for a reduction in the price of bunker coal, running costs have remained generally far in excess of pre-war. The cost of handling bulk cargo is about 50 per cent. higher and general cargoes about 100 per cent. more.

The continued shipping depression is attributed chiefly to trade barriers which impede the full utilization of productive capacity and the free flow of labour, capital, and goods, but despite these difficulties the report suggests that the movements of shipping during last year show that trade is reviving.

MAROONED IN A LIGHT-HOUSE.

WIVES' NIGHTLY SIGNALS.

London, Feb. 18th.

The fourteen weeks' vigil of the keepers of the Longships Lighthouse, off Land's End, who have been marooned by Atlantic gales for six weeks beyond their usual period of duty, ended yesterday, when their relief was effected.

Two men, Nicholls and Davies, were landed at Sennen after the relief boat had been four hours battling with the heavy seas.

Contrary to the custom at other lighthouses which are relieved by Trinity House, the relief of the Longships Lighthouse is undertaken by fishermen at Sennen Cove. For six weeks they have been standing by daily ready to take out the relief men and fresh provisions.

The expedition yesterday was full of danger. Great seas dashed against the rocks on which the lighthouse is built and at times swept over the platform at the foot of the column on which is a crane for raising men and provisions. A rope was thrown to the boat and made fast. The men and food were then pulled up the rope by pulley through the waves.

No Wireless.

A wireless receiving set is installed on the lighthouse, but the battery was taken ashore at the time of the previous relief, and the men were deprived of its comfort.

The only communication they had with the outer world was by means of semaphore flags. The men's wives became adept at signalling.

At week-ends a friend of the marooned men signalled the football results.

EDUCATION TESTS IN THE ROYAL NAVY.

SOME EXAMINATION "POSERS."

Some of the problems set in the higher education tests in the Royal Navy are by no means easy. They include such questions as these:—
 Does a man weigh more after a meal or less?
 Will iron float at a great depth in water?

Why does the sun rise in the East?

In the recent examinations 1,048 candidates sat and took 1,914 papers. Twenty-seven first-class certificates, 111 second-class, 151 educational certificates for warrant rank, and eight for the rank of lieutenant have been issued.

One subject in which there was a very small percentage of failures was military topography, the paper being taken by candidates from the Royal Marines. There were three papers on navigation; 318 sailors sat for the first, but only 37 took the second and 33 the third.

The examiners in their report note that Einstein was frequently confused with Epstein, and the derivations of the words "cyclophat," "miniature," and "dundee" were "not known." The use and action of headphones and gramophones were well described, but escalators and telescopes worried the candidates, and not one good description of the telescope was given.

The general knowledge paper showed a higher standard than before, and the examiners state:—
 There is no doubt that the writing of English has improved. Nearly all the candidates wrote flexible and idiomatic English sentences. The handwriting and spelling show an improvement. Two sailors thought a man weighed less after a meal. "The experiment was tried in my presence, and the weight after a meal was less," was one answer; and another candidate wrote, "Medical science says the weight after a meal is less."

English history was a popular subject, and most candidates did well. A question on why we defeated the Armada prompted the answer that the Spanish shot went over our heads and that we got into a clinch for infighting.

Some of the other questions set were:—
 Write an essay on "The Commercial Possibilities of Aviation."
 "Methods of Relieving Traffic Congestion."

Give facts about the South African flag question; the Irish Free State elections; reform of the House of Lords; the Trade Unions Bill.

Write notes on quorum, underwriter, ichthyology, King Fuad, Borotra, Nungesser.

Describe the character of the floor of the sea; and find the times of high and low water at Pembroke Dockyard on December 6th, 1927.

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TO	STEAMSHIP	DATE
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KWONGSANG" ... "SOTSANG" ... "WAISHING" ... "KANGSANG"	Sun., 25th Mar., at 7 a.m. Tue., 27th Mar., at 7 a.m. Sun., 1st Apr., at 7 a.m. Wed., 4th Apr., at 7 a.m.
YOKOHAMA via MOJI & KOBE	"KUMSANG"	Wed., 4th Apr., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, S'HEAL MOJI & KOBE	"SUISANG"	Fri., 13th Apr., at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"WAISHING"	Tues., 27th Mar., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"HOSANG"	Fri., 23rd Mar., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Fri., 30th Mar., at 3 p.m.
TIENTSIN	"KWANGSANG" ... "YUSANG"	Fri., 23rd Mar., at 4 p.m. Fri., 30th Mar., at 4 p.m.

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Steamship "GARNARVONSHIRE"	(via Oran)	12th June

TO SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VLADIVOSTOK.

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Motor Vessel "GLENHARRY"	...	15th April
Steamship "GARNARVONSHIRE"	...	25th April
Motor Vessel "GLENLUCE"	...	11th May
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S.S.	"Glen"	...	departure	16th April
S.S.	"Trieb"	...	departure	5th May
S.S.	"Neckar"	...	departure	10th May

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NEXT OUTWARD SAILINGS:

Freight	S.S. "Anspir"	...	due here	29th March
Pass.	S.S. "Trieb"	...	due here	8th April
S.S.	"Alster"	...	due here	25th April
S.S.	"Trave"	...	due here	12th May

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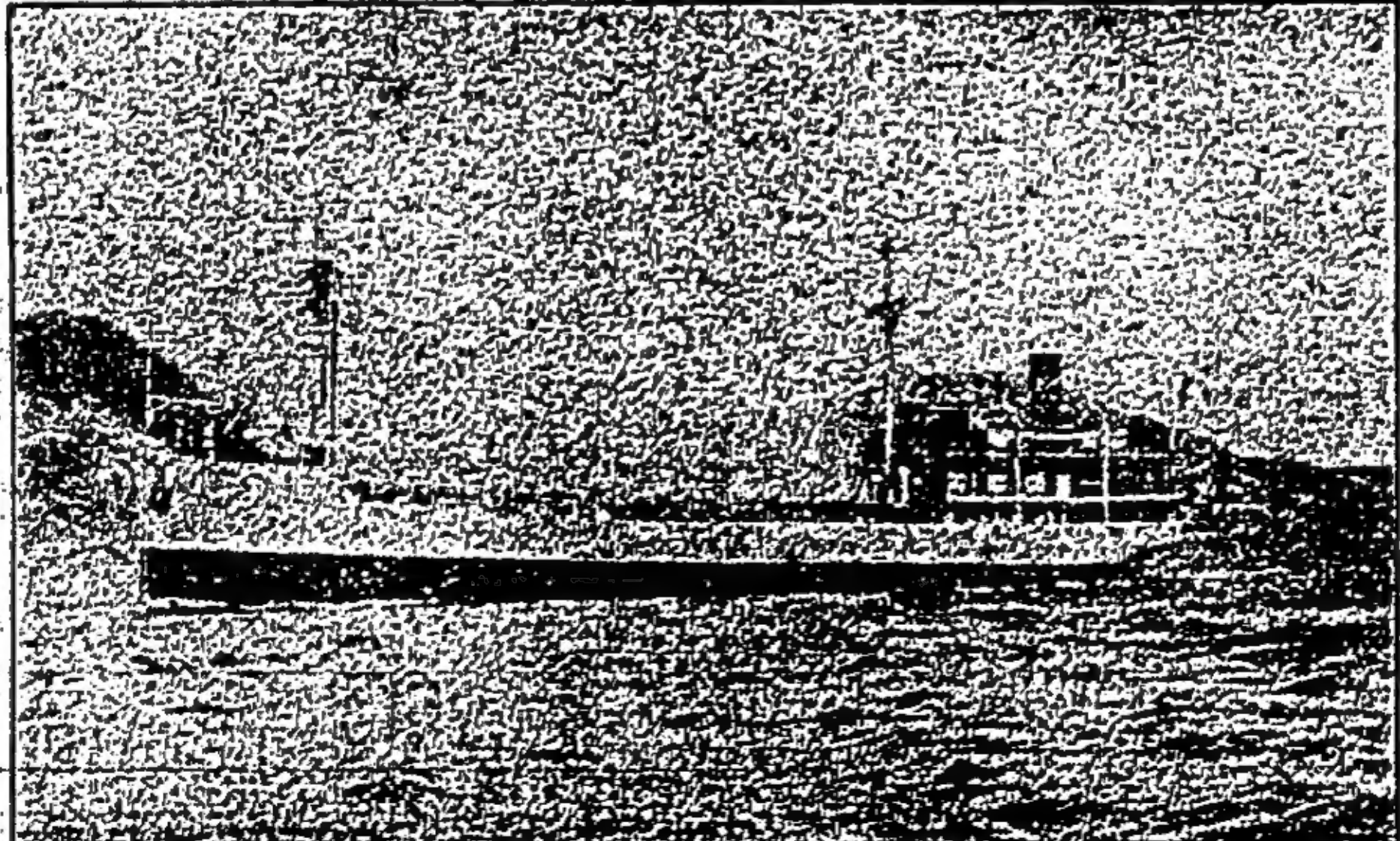
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From	Per	Date
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JAPAN, SHANGHAI & EUROSIA	Kashima Maru	23rd Mar.
EUROSIA via NIPPON (letters only)	Kashima Maru	23rd Mar.
London 23rd Feb.	Eurylochus	24th Mar.
SHANGHAI ...	Eurylochus	24th Mar.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Eurylochus	24th Mar.
AMOT ...	Eurylochus	24th Mar.
EUROSIA via NIPPON (papers only)	Eurylochus	24th Mar.
London, 23rd Feb.	Eurylochus	24th Mar.
CALCUTTA & STRAITS ...	Eurylochus	24th Mar.
SHANGHAI ...	Eurylochus	24th Mar.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Eurylochus	24th Mar.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Eurylochus	24th Mar.
SHANGHAI ...	Eurylochus	24th Mar.
AUSTRALIA AND MANILA	Eurylochus	24th Mar.
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Eurylochus	24th Mar.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Straits & Calcutta ...	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Haiphong ...	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Swatow Amoy and Foochow ...	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Wei Hai Wei ...	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Formosa ...	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Japan ...	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via	Kashima Maru	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Marseilles—due Marseilles, 21st April	Kashima Maru	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Haiphong and Haiphong ...	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Swatow and South Africa ...	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Swatow ...	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Amoy ...	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Straits and Calcutta ...	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Amoy & Formosa via Swatow	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Swatow via Swatow ...	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Shanghai ...	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Amoy ...	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Swatow ...	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via	Kashima Maru	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Marseilles—due Marseilles, 21st April	Kashima Maru	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Van-	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd Mar.
couver, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C.,	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd Mar.
15th April, & Europe via Siberia	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Java via Batavia ...	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd Mar.
Straits ...	Hongkong	Friday, 23rd Mar.

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Capital fully paid up Yen 100,000,000
Reserve Fund Yen 99,500,000

HEAD OFFICE: YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES AT:
Alexandria, Honolulu, Bangkok,
Batavia, Kaituma, Saigon,
Bombay, Karachi, Soerabaya,
Buenos Aires, San Francisco,
Canton, Lyons, Seattle,
Colon, Los Angeles, Samarang,
Changhai, Manila, Singapore,
Dairen, Nagasaki, Shanghai,
(Dairen), Nagasaki, Shimoda,
Fengtien, Newchwang, Tientsin,
(Mukden), Osaka, Yokohama,
Hankow, New York, Tokyo,
Hankow, Peking, Tientsin,
Harbin, Rangoon, Singapore,
Hong Kong, Yokohama,
Vladivostok (Temporarily closed).

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received for Fixed Periods at
rates to be obtained on application.

H. MORI, Manager.
Hong Kong, 12th March, 1928. [25]

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER,
1853.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital£3,000,000
Reserve Fund£4,000,000
Reserve Liability of Pro-
prietors£3,000,000

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES:

ALGER, BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, CANTON, CHINA, HONGKONG, KANGAROO, KUALA, LONDON, LYONS, MADRAS, MANILA, Peking, RANGOON, SHANGHAI, SINGAPORE, SOERABAYA, TAIPEI, TIENTSIN, YOKOHAMA, YOUNG, ZANTZ.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General
Banking Business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and
FIXED DEPOSITS received for one
year or shorter periods at rates
which will be quoted on applica-
tion.
A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 16th Mar., 1928. [30]

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE

POUR LE

COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE.

(Incorporated in France).

5, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong
Kong.

HEAD OFFICE:

74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.

Capital, fully paid up Fr. 50,000,000
Special Working Capital Fr. 50,000,000
Reserves Fr. 15,304,963

BRANCHES:

Paris, Lyons, Marseilles,
Saigon, Haiphong, Hanoi,
Touane, Vinh, Pnom Penh,
Peking, Shanghai, Tientsin.

BANKERS:

France: Société Générale, Banque
Nationale de Crédit, Banque d,
Paris et des Pays Bas.

London: Midland Bank, Ltd.

New York: American Exchange Irving
Trust Co.

San Francisco: Bank of Italy.

Every description of Banking and
Exchange Business transacted.
Correspondents throughout the World.

A. ROLLIN,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 1st January, 1928.

THE MERCHANTS BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:

15, Gracechurch Street, London,
E.C. 3.

Authorized Capital£3,000,000
Subscribed Capital£1,800,000
Paid-up Capital£1,000,000
Reserve Fund and Rest£1,540,000

BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND
and
MIDLAND BANK, LTD.

BRANCHES:

Bangkok, Rangoon, Penang,
Batavia, Hongkong, Port Louis,
Bombay, Kaituma, (Mauritius),
Calcutta, Kaituma, Rangoon,
Colon, Kaituma, Shanghai,
Dairen, Kaituma, Singapore,
Galle, Kaituma, Sourabaya,
Hong Kong, Madras, Kaituma,
Hankow, New York.

HONG KONG BRANCHES:

Every description of Banking
and Exchange Business transacted.

Interest allowed on Current Ac-
counts to 2 per cent. per annum on
Daily Balance and on Fixed De-
posits at Rates that may be ascer-
tained on application.

O. L. C. SANDES, Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central,
Hong Kong, 19th April, 1927. [29]

THE BANK OF CHINA.

行銀國中

(Special authorised by Presidential
Mandate of the Republic of
China on the 22nd of
November, 1917.)

Authorized Capital \$50,000,000.00
PAID-UP CAPITAL 19,700,200.00
RESERVE FUND 9,804,308.00

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING

Hong Kong Branch:—4, QUEEN'S
ROAD CENTRAL.

Branches and Sub-branches all
over China, and Correspond-
ents in Europe, America, and
other parts of the world.

London Bankers:—THE GUARANTY
TRUST CO. OF NEW YORK, THE
NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK,
LTD.

New York Bankers:—THE EQUITABLE
TRUST CO., THE INTRUST BANK,
COLUMBIA TRUST CO.

Interest allowed on Current Ac-
counts and Fixed Deposits. Terms
on application.

Every description of Banking
Business transacted.

Loans granted on Approved
Security.

Special facilities for domestic
exchange.

SHOU Y. CHEN,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 23rd June, 1927. [37]

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BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

HEAD OFFICE:

96, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital, Fr. 72,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital Fr. 68,400,000.00
Reserve Fund Fr. 89,384,519.10

BRANCHES:

Bangkok, Hanoi, Pondicherry,
Batavia, Hong Kong, Saigon,
Canton, Moulmein, Shanghai,
Dairen, Nankai, Singapore,
Fort Bayard, Peking, Tientsin,
Haiphong, Peking, Yunnanfou,
Hankow, Pnom Penh.

BANKERS:

IN FRANCE: Comptoir National
d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit
Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et
des Pays-Bas; Crédit Indus-
trial et Commercial; Société
Générale.

IN LONDON: The National Provin-
cial and Union Bank of Eng-
land, Ltd.; Comptoir National
d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit
Lyonnais.

IN NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan &
Co.; French-American Bank-
ing Corporation; Guaranty
Trust Co., of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Ac-
counts and Fixed Deposits accord-
ing to arrangement.

Every description of Banking
and Exchange Business transac-
ted.

Safe Deposit Boxes to let.
CH. IEM,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 29th Feb., 1927. [32]

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG.

Hong Kong Currency

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL\$11,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL\$6,644,800
RESERVE FUND\$50,000

BRANCHES:

CANTON, SHANGHAI, HANKOW,
SWATOW, HONGKONG, NEW
YORK AND SAN
FRANCISCO.

London Bankers:—

THE LLOYDS BANK, LTD.

Correspondents

all Principal Cities of the World.
Foreign Exchange and Banking
Business of every description
transacted.

Safe Deposit Boxes (various sizes)
at a Yearly Rental of from \$5
to \$40.

LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.

P. & O. BANKING CORPO-
RATION, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:

122, Leadenhall Street, London,
E.C. 3.

The Corporation undertakes Gen-
eral Banking and Exchange Busi-
ness of every description and in
addition to its Branches has Agen-
cies in all the principal towns of
the World.

G. H. BELL,
Acting Manager.
Prince's Building, Chater Road,
Hong Kong.

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LOCAL NEWS.

The Paper to send Home

EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

March 22nd, 1928.

ON LONDON:—

Telegraphic Transfer ... 2/0 3/4

Bank Bills, on demand ... 2/0 3/4

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ... 2/0 3/4

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ... 2/0 3/4

Credit, at 4 months' sight ... 2/0 3/4

Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight ... 2/0 3/4

ON PARIS:—

Bank Bills, on demand ... 1245

Credit, 4 months' sight ... 1320

ON NEW YORK:—

Bank Bills, on demand ... 49 1/2

Credit, at 30 days' sight ... 50 1/2

ON SHANGHAI:—

Telegraphic Transfer ... 134 1/2

Bank Bills, on demand ... 134 1/2

Bank Bills, at sight ... 75 1/2

Private, 30 days' sight ... 104 1/2

ON MANILA:—On demand ... 88 1/2

ON SINGAPORE:—On demand ... 87

ON BATavia:—On demand ... 121 1/2

ON HANKOW:—On demand ... 121 1/2

ON HONGKONG:—On demand ... 121 1/2

ON SOERABAYA:—On demand ... 121 1/2

ON YOKOHAMA:—On demand ... 121 1/2

ON KAITUMA:—On demand ... 121 1/2

ON TIENTSIN:—On demand ... 121 1/2

ON Peking:—On demand ... 121 1/2

ON SHANGHAI:—On demand ... 121 1/2

ON HANKOW:—On demand ... 121 1/2

ON SOERABAYA:—On demand ... 121 1/2

ON YOKOHAMA:—On demand ... 121 1/2

ON KAITUMA:—On demand ... 121 1/2

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ON SOERABAYA:—On demand ... 121 1/2

ON YOKOHAMA:—On demand ... 121 1/2

ON KAITUMA:—On demand ... 121 1/2

ON TIENTSIN:—On demand ... 121 1/2

LONDON SERVICE.

"AENEAS" 3rd Apr. Marseilles, London, Glasgow.
"SARPHEDON" 18th Apr. Marseilles, London, Glasgow.
"CALCHAS" 1st May, Marseilles, London, Glasgow.

LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

"POLYPHEMUS" 4th Apr. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"BELLEROPHON" 20th Apr. Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.

PACIFIC SERVICE.

(via KOBE & YOKOHAMA)
"TYNDAROS" 31st Mar. Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.
"PROTESILAUS" 18th Apr. Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.

NEW YORK SERVICE.

Steamer ... 29th June, Boston, New York & Baltimore.

PASSENGER SERVICE.

"AENEAS" 3rd Apr. Singapore, Marseilles